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OPEC banking on Paris parleys

PARIS, Feb. 28 (R) — OPEC's hopes of holding together and averting an oil price war depend on a peace package being discussed here Monday by three key ministers from the exporter group, diplomatic sources said.

They said that if efforts by the oil ministers of Venezuela, Algeria and Kuwait failed, it was unlikely OPEC would meet within a seven-day deadline set by the Gulf countries for the group to reach agreement on output and prices.

"If there is not a dramatic breakthrough here it would be logistically difficult to arrange an OPEC meeting this week," one of the sources said.

The sources, who declined to be identified, said the three ministers would try to put together a price and production agreement involving OPEC and non-OPEC producers which might entice Nigeria back into the OPEC mainstream. Last week, Nigeria said it would not attend an OPEC ministerial meeting, proposed for this week, unless some kind of global pact was reached in advance.

Nigeria, a member of OPEC, slashed the price of its oil by \$5.50 to \$30 a barrel without consulting fellow OPEC members. Venezuelan officials said their oil minister, Humberto Calderon Berti, would be meeting Sheikh Ali Al-Khalifa Al-Sabah of Kuwait and Algeria's Belkacem Nabi later Monday.

The latest round of talks was to follow a weekend ultimatum by the Gulf countries to other OPEC states that they must agree on a new pricing structure within a week or face a price war.

Meanwhile, Gulf Arab oil producers made it known Monday they were awaiting the outcome of a new round of multi-lateral oil talks in Paris to decide when and by how much they would cut the prices of their crude oil.

Era of free trade dawns within GCC

A first step toward Arab common market

By S. Sidahmed
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 28 — Some 13 million persons in the six Gulf states comprising the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will start Tuesday free economic movement when the unified economic agreement comes into force — a first major step toward the formation of an Arab common market.

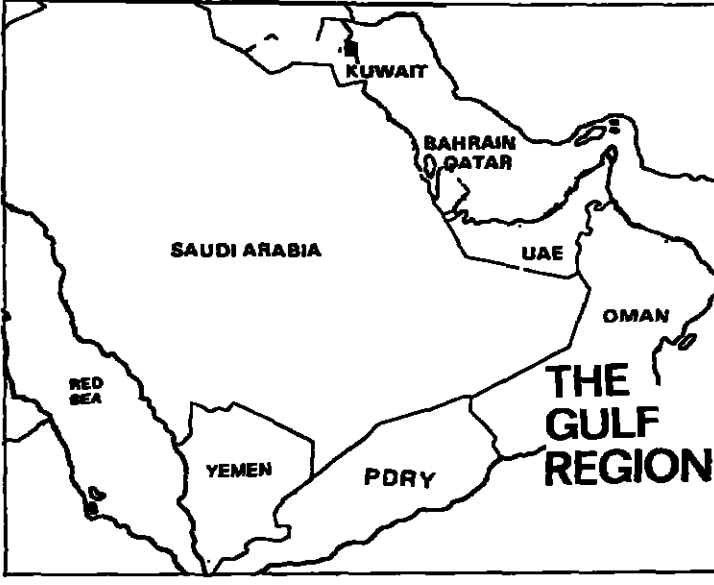
"We are anxiously looking for this day when we start building the Gulf house bit by bit, solidly but with no hurry at all," Bahraini Industry Minister Yousef Shiwan, who was on a two-day visit to the Kingdom told *Arab News* on Monday.

The agreement, which was described by the GCC Secretary-General Abdullah Ya'qub Bishara as 'the first baby' of the 19-month-old council of the Gulf group, calls for freer movement of people and capital between the member states. According to the 28-article agreement, the GCC-member states shall allow and encourage among themselves the import and export of agricultural, industrial and natural products. And that these products shall be treated as 'national products'. To qualify for such status which will allow the product to benefit from custom exemption, the value added ensuing from the production in a member state should not be less than 40 percent and shares owned by the Gulf nationals in the producing entity should constitute at least 51 percent. The uniform custom duties will be applied gradually within five years and arrangements for their application will start of Tuesday to be completed within a year.

Under the agreement, goods in transit between member states would be exempt from taxes. Doctors, lawyers and accountants could practice freely in member states provided they met local qualification standards. Workers in agriculture, industry, animal husbandry, fishing and contracting could also operate freely.

Another section valid from Tuesday guarantees each member's ships free access to ports in any other council state and exempts passengers and goods from taxes and fees.

Cooperation between the Gulf states does not start from scratch, but dates back to the early 1970s when the Arab



Shipbuilding Repair Yard (ASRY) was set. Today, Bahrain, for instance, is hosting joint projects with an estimated cost of \$7 billion.

Dr. Abdullah Al-Quraysh, the GCC assistant secretary-general for economic affairs, said that the agreement will give priority to the strategic and technology-intensive projects, but such projects will be determined by their economic viability only. Also high on the agenda is building strategic food reserves more than looking for a unified Gulf currency since the area does not have sizeable local trade.

More important, the agreement will encourage the application of economic citizenship, which will allow all Gulf nationals to invest, buy shares and transfer capital and work freely. Though entry visas for the Gulf citizens were abolished way back, today the aim is to work toward the day when the Gulf national can drive his car freely across the six states.

The GCC members represent the only market with a growing absorptive capacity in a recession-hit world economy. In 1981, the six countries had imported goods worth \$100 billion, while their earnings amounted to \$150 billion. Such a position had enabled the GCC to adopt a unified stand on trade dealings with the outside world as it did with Pakistan recently on a rice deal.

Moreover, a \$2.1 billion Gulf Investment Corporation has been agreed upon. The corporation, which will be established in Kuwait, will invest and work on a commercial basis and its capital will be split between the six members equally.

The implementation of the unified agreement is a step forward and breaks new grounds in the joint Arab work, which gives credence to the words of Abdullah Bishara that the GCC is "more than the Arab League, which comprises of association of states and of the United Nations, which is composed of sovereign states."

Landslide victory for Abdou Diouf

DAKAR, Feb. 28 (AFP) — A ministerial reshuffle is expected in Senegal as the first step in a program of reform following a sweeping victory of President Abdou Diouf and his ruling Socialist Party in Sunday's elections.

"The final results were yet to come in, but Diouf had apparently won 85 percent of the votes, indisputably confirming the position of head of state which he inherited from retiring President Leopold Sedar Senghor more than two years ago.

But some authoritative sources said that a second round might have to be held in accordance with electoral regulations in order to confirm the result, owing to the low turnout of about 55 percent.

President Diouf, 47, previously known as a technocrat and manager, has now emerged as a statesman with the massive support of the electorate which will enable him to press ahead with reforms that in the last two years he had cautiously begun.

Observers said that Diouf was likely to bring new blood from among his supporters into the government, so he would no longer be dependent on ministers inherited from the previous regime.

Naif denies alien media allegations

RIYADH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif said there was no truth at all in what has been alleged about happenings in the Kingdom by certain foreign publications.

Prince Naif said that if anything of the sort alleged by the foreign media had actually happened it would have been known to the people here.

"Following such false allegations," he said "we have grown skeptical about everything that such publications print unless they have some particular axe to grind against the Kingdom, in which case it will be quite another matter."

Rabat, Algiers reach accord on referendum

Special to Arab News

LONDON, Feb. 28 — Algeria and Morocco have agreed to hold a referendum to decide the fate of the disputed Western Sahara which was annexed by Morocco in 1975 when Spain decolonized the territory, it was reliably learned here Monday.

The referendum will enable the 1.1 million inhabitants in and outside the desert land to vote either in favor of continued merger with Morocco or for complete independence. The territory has a rich phosphate deposits. There is little or no vegetation or agriculture to speak of.

The decision to hold a referendum was reached by Morocco's King Hassan and Algerian President Chadli Benjeddid at a surprise summit conference that was held near the common borders Saturday after years of estrangement because of Algeria's support for the Polisario, the front that fights Morocco for control of the territory.

Algeria has been openly supporting the Polisario front with arms and specially with sanctuaries inside Algeria to hold them escape when pursued by Moroccans. A long and bloody war has been raging although its intensity has lessened with the balance tipping in favor of Morocco recently.

Besides, Algeria has been incensed by confirmed reports that its ally Libya, which has been also giving aid and support to the Polisario, has set up camps to train Algerian dissidents for possible subversion inside Algeria at some future date.

The Algerian government also noted that Libya was trying to curry favor with Morocco and has considerably reduced its supplies to Polisario.

The estrangement in addition to other factors encouraged Algeria to seek a peaceful solution of the problem with Morocco, according to informed sources in Algiers.



King Hassan

U.S. protests to Russia Over Syrian SAMs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — The United States said Monday it had told the Soviet Union it was destabilizing the Middle East by sitting new anti-aircraft missiles in Syria. (Related story on page 4)

The siting of the missiles "is a sobering and destabilizing event in the Middle East and we have so stated to the Soviet Union," Secretary of State George Shultz told the Senate Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee.

He said the missiles were manned by Soviet personnel and "there is no indication that we see that they aspire to train Syrians to man these weapons."

Shultz said the presence of the SAM-5 missiles in Syria demonstrated "the importance of pushing and pushing hard" U.S. initiatives both for withdrawal of Syrian, Israeli and Palestinian forces from Lebanon and for an overall Middle East peace settlement.

"The potential destabilizing impact of the new Soviet missiles only emphasizes the importance of advancing the peace objective which we have had all along," he said.

Earlier U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said Syria had become "just another outpost of the Soviet Union" because there were thousands of Soviet advisers operating missile batteries there.

Weinberger said Monday on the NBC "Today Show" that there is "no question" that this increases a possible danger of a new and wider Middle East war. "It isn't so much the fact that they (the Soviets) are manning these sites," Weinberger said. "It's the fact that there is a very strong anti-aircraft presence in Syria that is not run by Syrians." "It also means that the Soviets are perfectly capable of pulling the trigger. They are much closer than they should be and it means that the Middle Eastern situation has been made somewhat more complicated by all of this."

Weinberger described the SAM-5 as "very effective anti-aircraft weapons" and added that their presence in Syria, manned by Soviet troops, demonstrates that Syria is

"just another outpost of the Soviet empire."

In congressional testimony last week, Weinberger estimated the Soviets have 4,500 military men in Syria, including those sent there to operate the SAM-5 batteries and their associated radar. Two months ago, U.S. intelligence sources estimated there were about 2,500 Soviet military personnel in Syria advising Syrian ground troops, pilots and air defense units.

Libya withdraws troops --Egypt

CAIRO, Feb. 28 (AP) — The government said Monday Libya has withdrawn troops it had massed along its borders with Egypt and Sudan, defusing a crisis which triggered American military deployments to deter a possible Libyan attack. Muhammad Rashwan, minister of state for parliamentary affairs, disclosed the Libyan pullback following a meeting of the political bureau of the ruling National Democratic Party chaired by President Hosni Mubarak.

Rashwan, who attended the meeting, quoted President Hosni Mubarak as telling the bureau there was "complete political stability" in Sudan at present.

"The political bureau reviewed recent Libyan attempts at military intervention across the Sudanese borders," Rashwan said. "The bureau commended Egyptian-Sudanese cooperation in this respect — cooperation which led to a speedy withdrawal of Libyan forces from the border area of Kufra." The Kufra region lies at the southeastern extremity of Libya and is adjacent to Libyan borders with Sudan, Egypt and Chad.

Pentagon sources in Washington said on Feb. 16 the United States had sent AWACS radar surveillance planes to Egypt and moved an aircraft carrier battle group close to Libya's Mediterranean waters following a Libyan buildup apparently aimed at Sudan.

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Gold plunges as dollar gains

LONDON, Feb. 28 (R) — Gold prices fell sharply again Monday to just over \$405 an ounce on nervous world markets, pushed down by hopes that lower oil prices would help economic recovery and lower inflation rates.

In New York, where the big collapse started Friday, the price of gold — over \$500 an ounce only a week — fell \$33 to around \$401.

The London price was set at \$408.50 an ounce at the afternoon fix compared with a morning fix of \$419.75 and \$463.55 at Friday's close.

In Zurich, gold was also priced at \$408.50 at the afternoon fix and one analyst described the market as "very, very nervous."

The dollar, which generally competes with gold for investor attention, strengthened as the price of bullion fell and it was trading around 2.4325 West German marks compared with Friday's close of 2.4122 marks and 2.0610 Swiss francs compared with 2.0335 francs in Friday.

Gold prices had fluctuated around \$500 an ounce during the first three weeks of February, hitting a 22-month peak of \$511 Feb. 15. The price started to drop last Tuesday as the Gulf states said they were considering oil price cuts.

But gold was still well above its 1982 low of \$296.75 last June. It fell to around \$397 an ounce in Hong Kong at one point Monday before moving back to \$415.50 at the close.

The price of gold shares in London and Johannesburg fell sharply in line with the drop in the price of bullion, but they made a partial recovery in later trading. South African Finance Minister Owen Horwood said Monday that South Africa's economic situation would remain under control despite the drop in the price of gold.

Statewide strike paralyzes Assam

GAUHATI, Feb. 28 (R) — Workers and students demanding the eviction of illegal immigrants from Assam Monday shut power stations, oil refineries, shops and businesses in a 24-hour protest strike against the new state government.

The whole of the northeast Indian state was without electricity and few government employees turned up for work.

The strike was called by hardline Assamese political and student groups in protest at the new state government formed Sunday by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress (I) Party.

Congress won a two-thirds majority in Assam's state assembly in this month's elections, which started the worst poll violence in India's post-independence history.

Indian intelligence sources Monday supported unofficial estimates that at least 2,500 persons died in unrest in the Brahmaputra Valley state in the past month, making thousands of villagers homeless.

The violence was triggered by an anti-immigrant campaign by militant ethnic Assamese who urged a boycott of the elections because illegal immigrants were included on electoral rolls.

The militants want up to 3.5 million immigrants, mostly Bengali-speaking Muslims from neighboring Bangladesh, evicted.

In the state capital, Gauhati, shops were shut and the city's usually bustling central bazaar was deserted.

Habib may be replaced -- Newsweek

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 — The administration of President Ronald Reagan is considering major changes in America's Middle East peace effort to get the stalemate peace process back on track, a leading U.S. news magazine reports.

Newsweek says in its March 7 issue released this week that among the proposals under consideration is replacing U.S. presidential envoy Philip Habib with a more well-known figure. Among those being considered for the job are former President Jimmy Carter and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, *Newsweek* said.

The magazine said the Reagan administration is also considering convening a Camp David-style summit between Reagan, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and, perhaps, Jordan's King Hussein.

Newsweek said Habib is liked by Reagan but lacks political clout. Habib arrived in Israel from Lebanon Sunday, continuing his effort to forge an agreement on the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon.

Habib brought new Lebanese ideas to Israel but a senior Israeli official said "scores of details" had to be worked out to conclude a withdrawal agreement.

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IDB board approves loans, aid

By Hanaa Dekrass
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 — The Board of Executive Directors of the Islamic Development Bank approved loans and the financing of a number of development projects in some member states at the conclusion of its two-day meeting Monday. The meeting was presided over by IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali at the IDB headquarters here.

The approval by the Board of Executive Directors comes one day before the opening of the seventh annual session of the IDB's Board of Governors, who are the finance ministers of Islamic states.

The Board of Executive Directors decided to give Niger a \$10 million loan to help it build a 430-kilometer road. The IDB will also give Iraq \$10.5 million to furnish and equip a seven-story hospital. It will share in the equity of the Bangladesh International Islamic Bank for an amount of \$262,000 to encourage that country to set up Islamic banks.

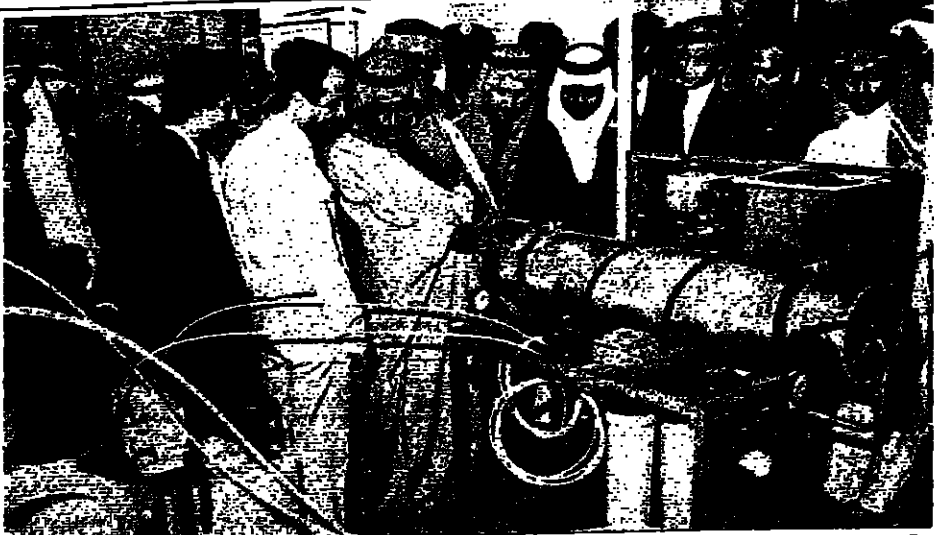
Likewise, the IDB will participate in the capital of a Tunisian company with the sum of \$1.5 million. Another Tunisian firm will receive \$1.12 million from the IDB as equity participation to help it build a factory that will produce, among other things, 1,200 tons of various types of grease every year. The project will also produce 16,000 tons of oil a year and provide a source of hard currency to Tunisia besides creating new jobs. The IDB already gave a five million Islamic dinar credit line to the Tunisian Economic Development Bank.

The bank will also invest \$242,500 in equity participation in an industrial project in Bangladesh under a five million Islamic dinar credit line extended to a Bangladeshi bank.

Other decisions by the Board of Executive Directors include a \$250,000 equity participation in a Bangladeshi plant and \$320,000 in a flour mill in Niger. The IDB will also extend \$5.6 million to Uganda for leasing operations.

The IDB will finance the import of a \$12.5 million cargo ship to the Jordanian Shipping Company. It will also grant \$108,000 to North Yemen to prepare a feasibility study on the improvement of the country's coffee production.

On Tuesday, Makkah Deputy Governor Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen will open the seventh two-day session of the IDB Board of Governors at the Meridien Hotel. The governors of the bank first met in Makkah in 1977. The second session was held in Kuala Lumpur in 1978, the third in Uganda in 1979, the fourth in Jeddah in 1980, the fifth in Khartoum in 1981, and the sixth in Istanbul in 1982.



WATER SHOW: Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, minister of agriculture and water and chairman of the board of directors of the Saline Water Conversion Corporation, inaugurated the Water Technology 83 Exhibition at Jeddah Expo Center Sunday. The minister, third from left, is seen inspecting water technology equipment at the show.

Water technology exhibit inaugurated by Al-Sheikh

By A Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 — The Water Technology 83 Exhibition, the first of its kind in the Kingdom, was inaugurated by Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, who is also the chairman of the board of directors of the Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC), at the Jeddah Expo Center on Sunday evening.

The exhibition, organized by Al-Harithy Company of Jeddah and Fairs and Exhibition Ltd. of London in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Water and SWCC, will continue until March 3.

The minister inspected the exhibition, which displays the most sophisticated and modern equipment for agriculture, irrigation, water desalination and drainage systems. "The fair showed the best technological means and methods over used in the field of water desalination," he said.

"A desalination plant is under construction in Makkah to supply the holy city, Taif and

Al-Hada suburb with drinking water. Within two years, more desalination plants will be set up in Asir, Jizan and other towns of the Kingdom," he added.

Nearly 140 local and international organizations and companies from the Kingdom, Kuwait, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Holland, Japan, Switzerland, Britain, the United States, West Germany and Italy are participating in the show.

SWCC is one of the major participants in the show, displaying models of desalination plants along with the achievements and future plans displayed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Water on an area of nearly 100 square meters. Britain is the largest single country participating in the fair with 14 specialist companies occupying 200 square meters.

A Water Technology seminar is being held concurrently from Monday Feb. 28-March 1, where a large group of experts will discuss researches and studies, exchange information and experience in this field.

BRIEFS

Fahd receives messages

RIYADH (SPA) — King Fahd has received a written message from the ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, in reply to a cable sent by the king on the occasion of Kuwait's National Day. In his message, the Kuwaiti ruler thanked King Fahd and wished the Saudi Arabian people more progress and prosperity.

On Sunday night, King Fahd received messages from Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri and Mali President Moussa Traore. The king also received Habib Chatti, the

secretary-general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

Arabnet meeting

RIYADH — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani Monday morning chaired the first meeting, at King Faisal Hall of the Joint Arab Committee for the Use of the Arab Satellite Network for Information, Cultural and Development Purposes. High on the agenda was a review of the various stages reached so far in the implementation of the Arab Satellite Network (Arabnet) project, and the various perspectives of that project.

British trade group studies joint ventures

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 — A London Chamber of Commerce mission arrived here Sunday night on a 13-day visit to the Kingdom to examine the prospects of trade, technology transfer and joint ventures. The mission, representing 14 companies, is headed by James W.G. Pirie and accompanied by Mark F. Petheram, leader of the chamber's Middle East and North African section.

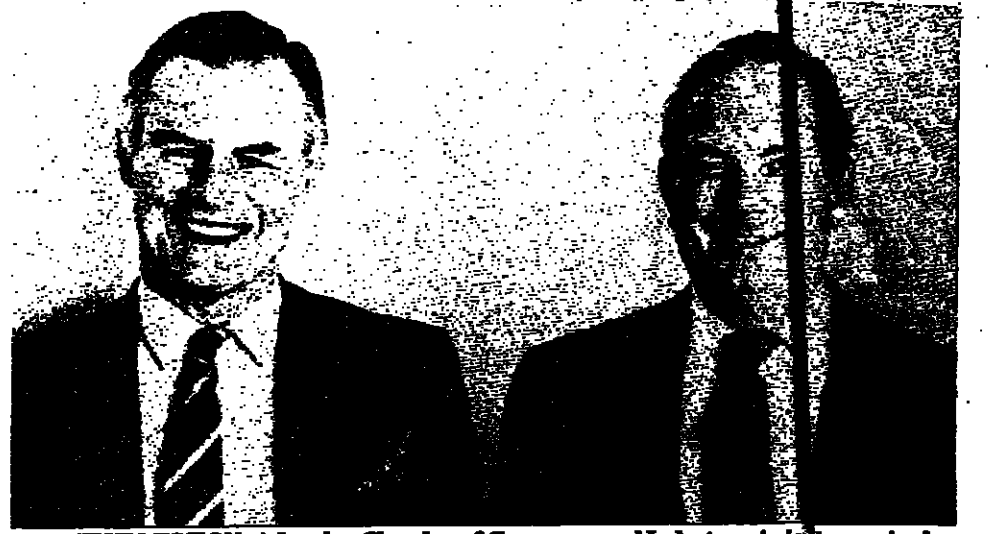
"It is our intention to visit the regions where a lot of development is going on. We are seeking to pursue the opportunities for business presented by the Saudi Arabian regional policy," Petheram said. "Buraidah is an important regional center the mission will visit in addition to Jeddah and Riyadh," he added.

He told *Arab News* his chamber is the largest in Britain having a membership of over 8,000 firms. It has the largest Middle East section with nearly one-fourth of them. "Saudi Arabia is a very important market for British goods as it ranks ninth among all countries and is the largest market outside the United States and EEC," Petheram said.

Mission leader Pirie said the team will spend four days in Jeddah and meet Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen, deputy governor of Makkah and Ismail Abu Dawood, president of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry in addition to businessmen, before leaving for Riyadh on March 3. They will spend four days in Riyadh and two days in Buraidah.

The members range from international consulting engineers and architects such as Sir William Halcrow and Partners, already involved in projects worth around £2 billion in Saudi Arabia, to exporters of bathroom and kitchen equipment, frozen foods; industrial refrigeration spares and components; hardware and curtain track; electric lamps; road safety equipment; foodstuffs, and offers services such as design, supply and installation of refractories for cement, blast and allied industries; materials handling engineers; consulting engineers; English language training and commercial management.

Joseph Anderson, principal engineer and project director of Sir William Halcrow & Partners said his company had undertaken the designing and supervision work of Jeddah Islamic Port; Yanbu Port and Yanbu cement works; Jubail Port and industrial city complex. "We are at present involved in two major irrigation schemes at Wadi Jizan and Wadi Damad, 20 kilometers north of Wadi Jizan," he said. The first phase of 3,000 hectares at Wadi Jizan has been completed and the second phase is awaiting approval.



BRITISH MISSION: A London Chamber of Commerce and Industry mission has arrived here on a 13-day visit to the Kingdom. Picture shows the chamber's Middle East and North African section chief Mark F. Petheram (left) and James W. G. Pirie, leader of the team.

Dock productivity triples, Badr says

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 — As a result of government spending on ports, Saudi Arabia now has 32 kilometers of docks for loaded vessels, and more than 135 ships can moor and be unloaded at a time. Dr. Faysal Badr, president of the General Saudi Ports Organization said Monday.

Dr. Badr told *Al-Madina* that the productivity of every Saudi dock was three times that of the more prestigious ports in Britain and Germany. He added that the technology now existing in the Kingdom's ports was more advanced than that available in port functioning for hundreds of years.

Office management program planned

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 28 — A six-day program on "Modern Techniques on Secretariat and Office Management" will start here March 12. The program, which is organized by the Council of Saudi Arabian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, will be accompanied by an exhibition for office equipment at the Chamber of Commerce building here.

9 agricultural projects approved

RIYADH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Resources Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh has approved nine agricultural and animal husbandry projects valued at SR33.3 million (about \$10 million). The ventures include setting up greenhouses to produce cucumbers and tomatoes. The other projects deal with poultry, eggs and sheep breeding.

Meanwhile, *Al Riyadh* reported that more

than 63 percent of Saudi Arabia's local labor force works in the agricultural field. It also said that the total cultivated area is now 577,000 hectares.

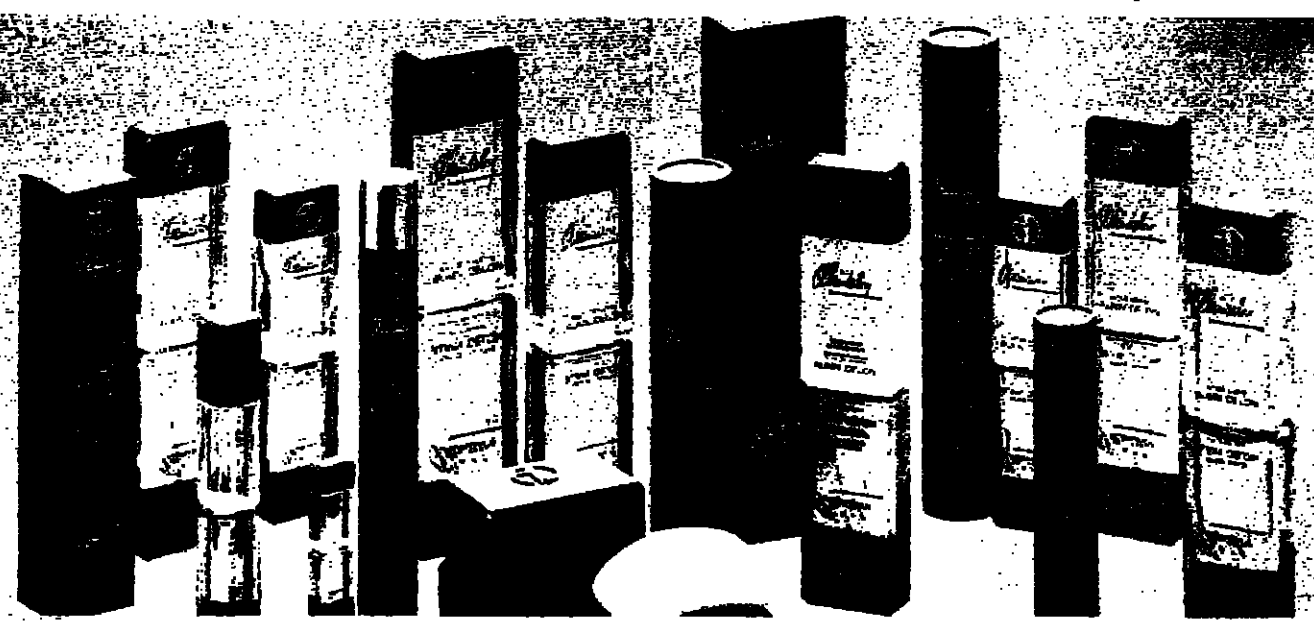
The agricultural bank gave farmers SR2,119.5 million over the past four years, and the state floated a large portion of the major companies' shares for public subscription to encourage agricultural investments.

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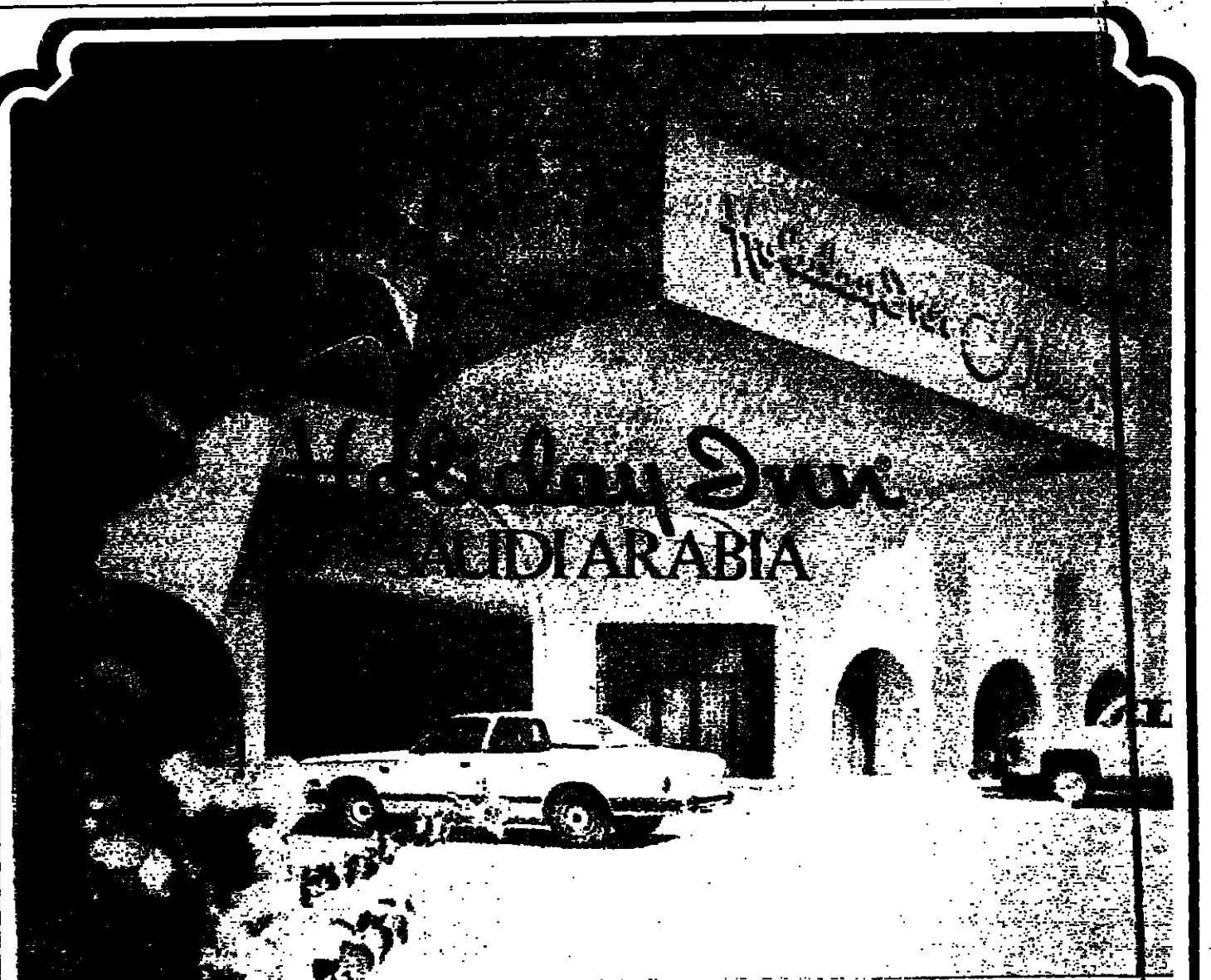


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Ending shortage in Makkah, Taif

Water plant contract will be signed soon

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 — At the instructions of King Fahd and Crown Prince Abdullah, the first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, a contract to build a water desalting plant at Al-Shuaiba will be signed soon, *Al-Madina* reported Monday.

The plant will supply 200,000 cubic meters of drinking water every day to Makkah and 50,000 cubic meters every day to Taif during its initial phase. It will put an end to the water crisis in both cities. The project will take four years to complete. It involves 180 kilometers of pipes, pumping stations, water reservoirs and purification plants.

Meanwhile, the Western Province Water

and Sewage Department has completed comprehensive studies and designs of Jeddah's water and sewage network for the next 20 years. The network comprises 16 new phases which brings the total number of phases to 30. The network will cover newly planned areas and land expected to be peopled in the near future.

Major water drainage and purification centers will be set up in Northern Jeddah. A pumping and purification station is also planned at Al-Khomra 15 kilometers south of here to produce 30,000 meters cubic meters of water a day. The project will cost SR133 million.

Largest in Middle East

Military city opening set

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 — The largest public security training city in the Middle East, lying on a two-million square meter area, will soon be officially inaugurated in Riyadh after its equipment has been completed, a public security spokesman has said.

The spokesman told *Al-Madina* that the city can accommodate more than 2,500 cadets in one group. It comprises centers for the training of civil defense and traffic personnel and institutes for traffic, civil defense, mechanized training, music, horse riding and other skills.

The city also has mosques, halls, a club, a huge library, a swimming pool, a theater and

various sports grounds. All the class rooms are equipped with advanced audiovisual facilities.

Meanwhile commanders of military academies in Saudi Arabia Sunday visited King Khalid Military Academy at the National Guard in Riyadh. They were greeted on arrival by Lt. Col. Miteb ibn Abdullah ibn Abdul Aziz. They toured the various parts of the academy, escorted by Lt. Col. Miteb, who briefed them on the facilities.

The commanders later conferred. Among issues discussed was the fostering of cooperation among the academies.

To meet port and chamber officials

Belgian team arrives March 11

By Habib Rahman

Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 — A 28-member delegation from the Port City of Antwerp, Belgium, will arrive in Jeddah on March 11 for a five-day visit. Led by Jan Huyghebaert, deputy mayor of the Antwerp Municipality which is running the port, the group will visit Jeddah Jubail and Dammam ports.

Jan Van Dessel, commercial counselor at the Belgian Embassy, said that the visit has a two fold purpose: to acquaint its members with the achievements of Saudi Arabian ports and to promote the Antwerp port in the Kingdom.

He said the delegation members will also hold discussions with ports authorities, leading shipping figures and officials of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the respective cities.

Last year, the Antwerp Port Engineering and Consulting, an arm of the Antwerp port, was awarded a three-year consultancy contract by the Saudi Ports Authority (SPA).

Under the contract, which deals mainly with technical aspects, 22 to 25 men from the Antwerp are working in the SPA headquarters in Riyadh.

The delegation will explain the special features of the Antwerp port to shipping agents, clearing and forwarding agents and other connected with the shipping industry.

"It is the first time such a Belgian delegation is visiting the Kingdom," the commercial counselor said. The visit is sponsored by the Jubail Commercial Port Management.

One of the leading ports of Europe, Antwerp handled 80 million tons of goods in 1981 and in 1982 it increased by 10 percent. More than 17,000 ships on an average visit the port yearly which has over 200 clearing agents and more than 100 brokers and agents. The port employs more than 80,000 people out of the city's population of 700,000.

The Antwerp port participated in the third Arab Port Conference held in Riyadh last May.

Post-operative care needed, expert says

Kingdom has good facilities for bone surgeries

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 — The facilities for bone surgeries in the Kingdom are "quite good" but what it lacks is post-operative care like physiotherapy, massage and occupational therapy.

Sharing this view is leading West German orthopedic surgeon, Professor K.F. Schlegel, director of the Orthopedic University Clinic at Essen, who returned home Sunday night after a five-day visit to Jeddah at the invitation of acting Health Minister



Professor K.F. Schlegel

Dr. Ghazi Algasaiti.

Dr. Schlegel, 59, who is also president of the German Orthopedic Society, said in an interview with *Arab News* that he has been religiously following a philosophy — that surgery should be the last resort after all the conservative, prophylactic treatments are tried.

An authority on spine operations, Dr. Schlegel, who combines in him an author and a journalist, claims to have performed 30,000 operations during the last 33 years. "I performed each operation only after I was convinced that the prophylactic treatment was ineffective," Dr. Schlegel added.

The surgeon, who is also an honorary member of orthopedic societies in Thailand, Poland, Austria and Bulgaria, said: "The heart of the orthopedic surgeon is not only the skill of his hand but also in the evaluation of a case."

Dr. Khaled A. Bateerjee, a student of orthopedic surgery, who was with him, said Dr. Schlegel performed some "very complicated" operations in the King Fahd Hospital during his visit. His visit was also meant to assess the progress of the orthopedic department in the hospital which has been headed for the last two years by one of his past students, Dr. Omar Albaz.

One of the "most difficult operations" the visiting surgeon performed here now, Dr. Bateerjee said, was the removal of a section of bone tumor from a Saudi Arabian suffering from polio deformities.

Dr. Schlegel, who edited *Quick*, a monthly magazine, between 1949 and 1959 and is now editing the *German Orthopedic Practice*, also a monthly, said a lot of congenital and accident deformities don't respond to either medication or surgery. "It

becomes the job of an orthopedic doctor to help him survive and rehabilitate through the implanting of artificial joints, metal or plastic as the need be," Dr. Schlegel said.

Dr. Schlegel has authored books on "spinal" surgery which have been translated from German into different languages, on "orthopedics" for nurses, available in German and Japanese, on "orthopedics" for students, only in German; on "history of orthopedics", and on "Foot — art and history." He is currently the co-editor with Professor Witt and Professor Rettig of a "handbook on orthopedics" whose four of the eight volumes are ready.

Dr. Schlegel, who is hosting the 70th international orthopedic congress as president of the German Orthopedic Society, scheduled from Sept. 20 to 24 at Essen, said the question of transplantation of limbs will remain a dream since it is "too complicated" compared to heart and kidney transplants. Any limb transplantation will involve blood vessels, nerves, bones, muscles and skin.

Asked about the treatment for slipped discs, Dr. Schlegel said he examined three such chronic cases here and they were all treated with medication, a special injection, and manipulation of the spine. The patients were about to be surgically operated before they were referred to him, he said.

Spine diseases like the tuberculosis of the spine and poliomyelitis are rather common in the Kingdom, he said.

Dr. Schlegel said he has seen some high orthopedic standards here but what the Kingdom ought to improve is its post-operative treatment and rehabilitation. "The post-operative care has to be modified and put on a higher level." He added that one of the objectives of his visits was to

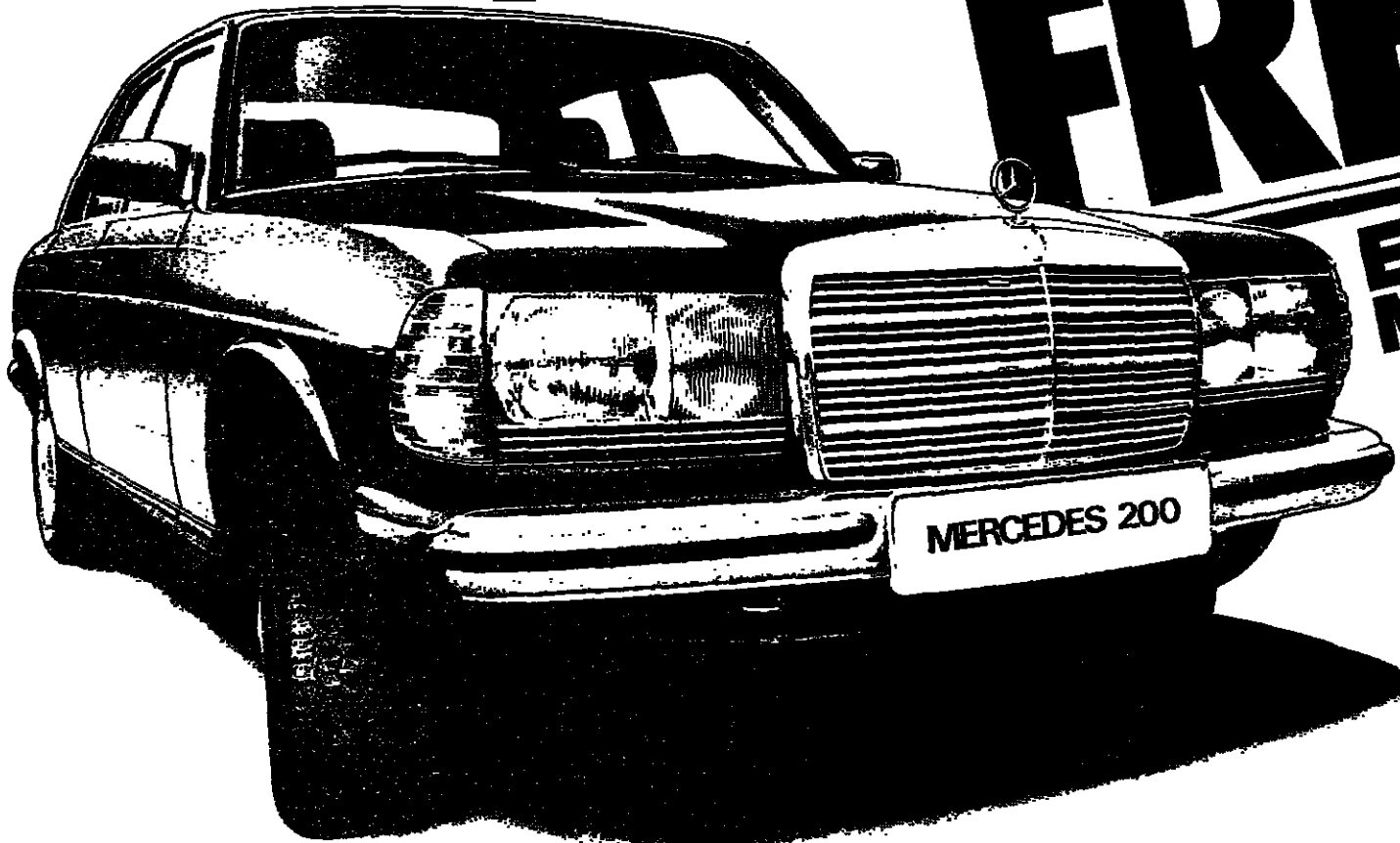
teach Saudi Arabian doctors how to organize and manage post-operative care and rehabilitation programs. Regular exchanges of doctors between the two countries will go a long way in meeting these requirements, he emphasized.

He has a word of advice for the citizens: "Be physically active and avoid modern facilities which keep you glued to a chair as far as possible. If possible, take regular exercises for physical fitness. And never indulge in rash driving. Drive cautiously, avoid accidents and all your limbs remain yours."



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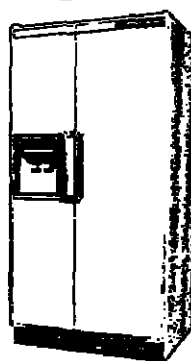


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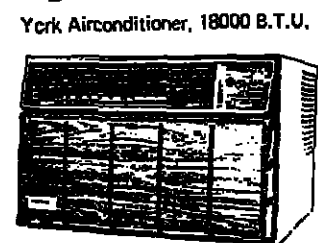
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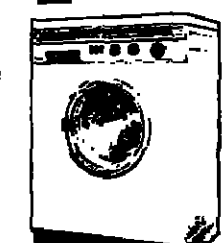
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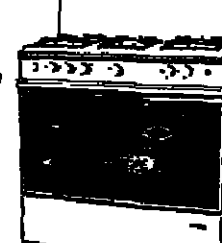
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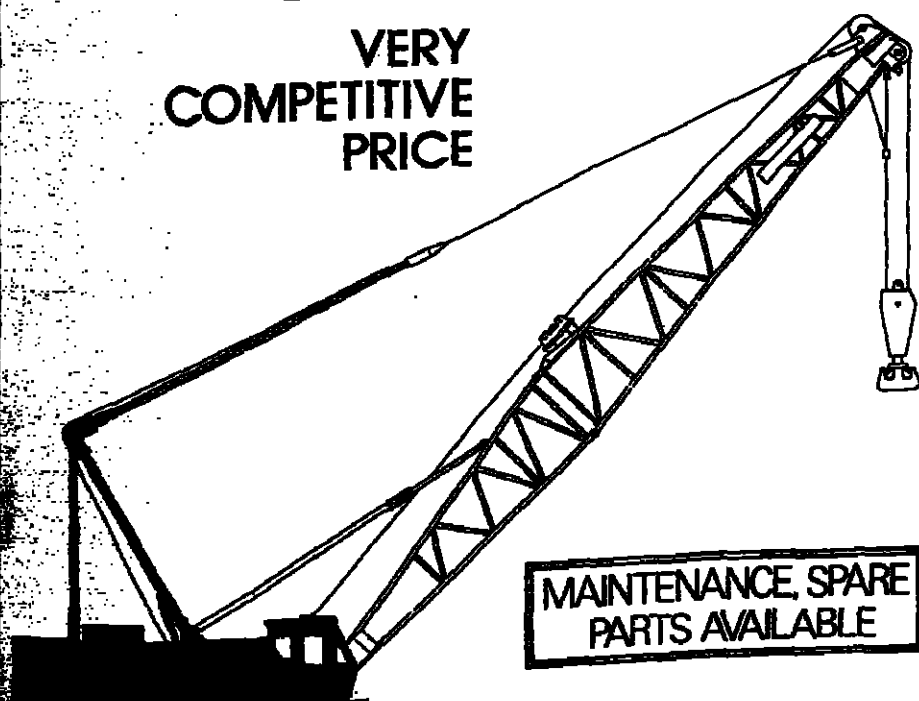


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Palestinian protesters teargassed in West Bank

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — Israeli security forces used tear gas to break up crowds of Palestinian youths who threw rocks at Israeli vehicles in the occupied West Bank Monday, Israeli radio said.

It said the windshield of a bus was smashed, but there were no casualties in the incident in the West Bank city of Nablus.

The radio also reported that tension was running high in the West Bank city of Hebron following the injury of a four-year-old Arab girl by a bullet.

It said police assigned a team of investigators to probe the incident, which occurred Saturday. Hebron's acting Mayor Mustafa Natshe, blamed it on Jewish settlers from the nearby town of Kiryat Arba.

In a telegram to the Israeli Defense Ministry, which administers occupied territories, Natshe demanded an end to "Jewish aggression against Hebron residents." Hebron, the second largest town in the West Bank, has been the scene of constant friction between Palestinian residents and Jewish extremists living in the Old Jewish Quarter and in Kiryat Arba, a large, modernist settlement in the surrounding hills.

Khartoum busts gang of saboteurs

NAIROBI, Feb. 28 (ONS) — Sudanese troops have dealt firmly with the saboteurs who recently struck at several targets in the Unity oilfields of Upper Nile province.

These gangs are believed to belong to the so-called Anyanya Two movement, which is seeking secession for Upper Nile and adjoining Jonglei province from the rest of the Sudan.

The majority are Nilotic tribesmen from the swampy Sudd and adjacent grasslands of the southern Sudan. They were among those

Mubarak disbands Islamic league

CAIRO, Feb. 28 (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has dissolved the two-year-old Cairo-based League of Islamic and Arab peoples, set up by the late President Anwar Sadat, a Cairo newspaper said Monday.

Mayo, weekly journal of the ruling National Democratic Party (NDP), said Mubarak issued a presidential decree dissolving the league because it "has been overtaken by current events and the reasons behind its establishment no longer existed."

Sadat set up the league a year before his assassination in October, 1981, after Egypt's expulsion from the 38-year-old Arab League states as a punishment for its peace accord with Israel. The Arab League's headquarters was also transferred from the Egyptian capital to Tunis.

Mayo said, "The mood in which the league was established has now changed as a semi-unanimous Arab stand and on the need for a peaceful (Middle East) settlement has emerged."

The daily *Haaretz* quoted military authorities as saying that in Saturday's incident the gunmen apparently were drunken settlers celebrating the Jewish Purim holiday.

It quoted eyewitnesses as saying the shooting spree continued for several hours, with Israeli forces chasing in vain after the gunman. The witnesses were said to have seen other settlers in Kiryat Arba pleading to the miscreants to come home and stop their gunplay.

On Friday a bomb went off outside a mosque in Hebron, wounding two worshippers, and Natshe blamed that incident on Jewish ultra-nationalists.

A telephonist at the Kiryat Arba administration said the office was closed for the Purim holiday and no settlement official could be reached for comment.

However, a Kiryat Arba leader Elyakim Ha'etzi said "we appeal to police to investigate this incident thoroughly." He said that Hebron's mayor and Muslim establishment "is hostile and pro-PLO," but added that "relations between ordinary Jews and Arabs are excellent and we want them to stay that way..."

rebel who refused to lay down their arms after the Addis Ababa accord of 1972 ended 17 years of bloody bush warfare to form an autonomous area in the southern third of the Sudan.

This is the second recent incident involving Anyanya Two saboteurs. The previous attack was last month in Bahr Al Ghazal province to the west, where a gang shot 13 persons at a well railway station, on the line from Khartoum to Wau.

Before last month's incident nothing had been heard of secessionist rebels operating so far north and the last serious incident involving them was when they ambushed a road convoy that was traveling from Malakal to Juba and killed seven northern Arab traders. In a follow-up operation Sudanese troops killed five of the attackers.

President Jaafar Numeiri has thrown a number of people into jail for fomenting trouble, but became gravely concerned with the deteriorating security situation in the middle of last year when two prominent southern officials were arrested for gun-running.

The government in Khartoum is afraid that if it does not deal speedily with the situation, the secessionists could try to drive a wedge between northern and southern Sudan, leaving an undefended frontier with Ethiopia for much of the length of Upper Nile province.

Khartoum has stepped up the efforts to defuse the political situation in the South, where there has been bitter hostility between the Dinka and their allies (the largest ethnic group in the South) and Bantu tribes such as the Zande of Equatoria. The main matter of dispute is whether the South should be divided into smaller units, thus lessening the political power of the Dinka.

With alien troops, militia in control Gemayel hard put to impose writ

BEIRUT, Feb. 28 (R) — Despite five months of intensive diplomacy, foreign armed forces or illegal local militias still control all of Lebanon except Beirut and the prospects of any early change are slim.

In the South, Israeli troops who invaded Lebanon last June are so firmly established that most of the readable road signs in the area are in Hebrew.

The small militia of the Israelis' long-standing protégé, Maj. Saad Haddad, has been setting up garrisons in towns and villages across the South, equipped with newly-acquired tanks and armored troops carriers.

A variety of other militias and other armed groups flourish. More than a dozen Palestinian refugees have been killed recently, according to relief workers and Western diplomats, and many others have been forced to leave their homes by local gunmen who want to keep Lebanon for the Lebanese.

In the North and East of the country the Syrian army is equally deeply entrenched, with crack troops in the bleak mountains and armor dug in across the eastern Bekaa Valley.

Palestinian commandos still have bases behind Syrian lines, unaffected by a two-month-long Israeli bombardment and siege of Beirut last summer which forced their leaders and thousands of their comrades to leave Lebanon for the Lebanese.

Christian militiamen continue to hold sway in the one area outside Beirut which is not controlled by Israelis, Syrians or Palestinians — the mountainous Christian heartland north of the capital. The militia still earns millions of dollars a month from its illegal control of part of Beirut port.

The Lebanese government accepts that Syrian and Palestinian forces will not leave the north and east until agreement is reached on the Israeli pulling out of the south. But the 18th round of Lebanese-Israeli-U.S. talks on an Israeli withdrawal ended on Thursday with both sides speaking of major problems.

Israel is insisting on retaining a small number of troops at observation posts in South Lebanon to prevent the return of Palestinian commandos. The Lebanese are resisting on the grounds that this would violate their sovereignty and could mean the Syrians would also refuse to withdraw completely.

Israel is also demanding free trade across the border. The Lebanese are refusing because their economy depends heavily on importing goods for re-export to other parts of the Middle East and they believe that Arab states would boycott merchandise from Lebanon for fear some of it was really coming from Israel.

With the Israelis occupying the south, goods made in Israel or imported through Israel are already flooding in. Saudi Arabia has banned a wide range of imports from Lebanon to avoid commerce with goods connected with the Jewish state.

The Lebanese government and its U.S. backers can argue that the withdrawal talks have progressed somewhat from the shaky early days when the three sides spent two weeks unable to agree on an agenda.

Despite disagreement on some basic issues, the delegations have started drafting the text of an eventual agreement on certain points where they are least divided. The Lebanese could also take heart from new moves by both the United States and Syria.

President Reagan said the U.S. was ready to take all necessary measures to guarantee the security of Israel's northern border, an offer seen by Lebanese officials as a fresh effort to persuade Israel to drop its demand to keep troops in Lebanon.

Syria also gave its clearest public commitment yet to total withdrawal of its troops, if Israeli forces also pulled out on terms acceptable to Damascus.

But Reagan's offer was brushed aside by Israel and government sources in Beirut said they found it difficult to imagine what practical security guarantees Washington could offer that would satisfy the Israelis.

The Syrian commitment was also coupled with a warning. "The national security of Syria is intimately connected with that of Lebanon and Syria will not permit any security arrangements on Lebanese territory which might in future affect the national security of Syria," the ruling Baath Party declared.

Western diplomats in Beirut say that the one almost-solid achievement the Lebanese government can point to in the last few months is the regular army's takeover of security duties in East Beirut from the Christian militias.

The move appeared in some ways superficial, as the "Lebanese Forces" militiamen continued to turn up for duty at their Beirut headquarters but simply wore jeans instead of uniforms. They repainted green jeeps in a non-military cream. The militia also continued to receive its percentage from Beirut port, its main source of funds.

Skeptical Lebanese nationalists pointed to the fact that the militia is dominated by the Phalangist Party, whose leader Pierre Gemayel is father of President Amin Gemayel. But the diplomats said the takeover had been fiercely resisted by the militia command because it undoubtedly reduced their power.



Palestine-Israel peace rally staged in London

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — A former Israeli parliamentarian and a member of the Palestine Liberation Organization's (PLO) National Council participated Sunday in a public meeting here promoting Palestine-Israeli peace.

"Sitting together and speaking together is the first step in this process of bringing about the kind of peace to allow the Palestinians to live in a state of their own and decide their own destiny, and create the kind of Israeli society which we want," Uri Avneri said.

Avneri is a former Israeli parliamentarian and currently a magazine editor-in-chief. Issam Sartawi, a member of the National Council of the PLO, called the Arab-Israeli conflict "an unwinnable war" and said "the only alternative to mutual annihilation is peace."

The meeting was organized by the Campaign for an Israeli-Palestinian Peace, a Jewish initiative, and attended by about 300 persons.

It was believed to be the first ever meeting staged in Britain by Jews to hear Palestinian views. The group behind the campaign has already held meetings in Paris and Brussels.

Khomeini dubbed 'power hungry'

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (R) — Ayatollah Khomeini has become a "power hungry reactionary and an arch-opportunist," according to one of his former allies and students.

In an interview published in this week's *Time* magazine, Ayatollah Jafar Gani'i said he and other members of the Mujahadeen group who oppose the Tehran government represent more "progressive" ideas than those now practiced by Khomeini.

A student of Ayatollah Khomeini in the early 1960s, Ayatollah Gani'i fled Iran to Paris to join exiled Mujahadeen leader Masoud Rajavi.

Israel harps on SAM-5 missiles

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28 (AP) — Israeli military sources said that four batteries of Soviet SAM-5 missiles in Syria now are operational and are manned exclusively by several hundred Soviet personnel.

Two of the batteries are located outside Damascus and the other two near Homs, north of the border with Lebanon, the sources said. Each of the batteries has six independent launchers, they said.

The surface-to-air missiles are said to be effective over a range of 300 kms (about 190 miles) and up to a ceiling of 100,000 feet. The missiles threaten not only Israel's domination of Lebanese skies, but their range covers most of Israel itself.

The missiles also are within striking distance of aircraft based with the U.S. Sixth Fleet cruising in the Mediterranean Sea. The deployment of the Sam-5 in Syria is

believed to be the first outside the Soviet Union, and also is the first time Syria has allowed Moscow to operate independent bases within its borders, the sources said.

Western defense experts believe no Syrian soldier ever has been trained on the SAM-5. The sources said there are an estimated 4,500 Soviet technicians active within all branches of Syria's army.

The *Jerusalem Post* reported Sunday that the missile directly threatens Israel's airborne early-warning and communications aircraft, the American-made Hawkeyes, miniature versions of the AWACS.

The military Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. Raphael Eytan, said recently that the missiles carried more political significance than military, and should be seen in the context of Moscow's rivalry with Washington in the Middle East.

ANKARA (R) — Turkish President Gen. Kenan Evren has invited the president of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan Al-Nahayan, for an official visit to Turkey, officials said Monday.

LONDON (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar arrived at London's Heathrow Airport on Monday morning en route to Kuwait from his New York headquarters, airport officials said.

TUNIS (AP) — Arab League Secretary-General Cheddi Kibi left Tunis Sunday for Vienna for a "working visit" to Austria, league officials said Sunday.

BEIRUT (R) — A car packed with anti-tank mines blew up about 400 meters from a U.S. Marine position Sunday night, but no serious injuries were reported, spokesmen for the four-nation peace force in Beirut said. KARACHI (R) — Pakistani authorities

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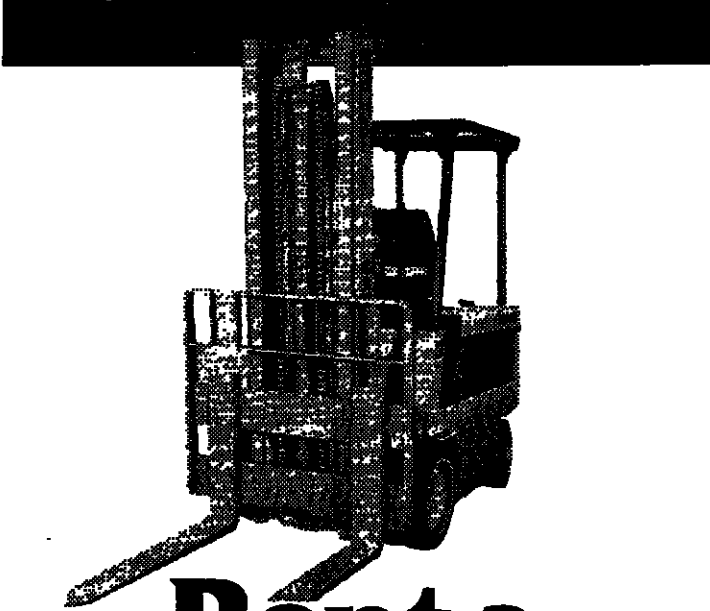
Monday lifted a curfew imposed in Karachi last week following several days of clashes between rival sects in which at least six persons were killed.

NICOSIA (AP) — An earthquake measuring 4.8 degrees on Richter scale shook the southeastern Iranian city of Kerman and nearby areas Monday, the official Iranian News Agency, IRNA, reported. There were no casualties or damage.

AMMAN (AFP) — Indian Vice President Muhammad Hidayatullah and Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan discussed "friendship and cooperation" between the two countries Monday, informed sources reported.

DHAKA (AFP) — Most educational institutions in Dhaka, Chittagong and other major Bangladesh towns reopened Monday after a two-week closure following campus violence which at least five persons died.

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Belaunde extends siege by 2 months

LIMA, Feb. 28 (AP) — President Fernando Belaunde Terry said Sunday the government is extending a state of emergency in Peru's bloody guerrilla war for two more months and was keeping some 2,000 troops there to maintain order.

Belaunde said the government would have preferred to have ended a 60-day state of emergency that was due to expire March 1.

But he told a news conference that although the armed forces had the zone under control, their presence was needed to back up police fighting Maoist guerrillas trying to overthrow the government.

Belaunde said none of the soldiers, marines and air force personnel ordered around the state capital of Ayacucho, 350 miles southeast of Lima had been involved in bloodshed since they entered the area Dec. 29.

But in response to questions, he gave no figures of casualties on either side. The unofficial death toll is more than 200 since the armed forces moved in with police reporting guerrilla losses the highest since the fighting began two years ago. The military command in Ayacucho has reported more than 70 guerrillas slain in the past 10 days.

In extending the emergency that suspends some civil rights and allows police and paramilitary civil guards to search and seize without warrants, the government added a ninth county to the military-control zone.

"The armed forces presence has allowed police to move out with greater freedom and security," Belaunde said. He praised the troops for "their serenity along with their firmness."

Belaunde said he expected the findings of a commission he named to investigate the massacre by peasants of eight Peruvian journalists and a guide to clarify how it happened.

The congressional opposition and press have charged civil guards with encouraging peasants to take the law into their own hands. The commission composed of prize-winning novelist Mario Vargas Llosa, journalist Dean Mario Castro Arenas and criminal law expert Abraham Guzman is due to report March 4, Belaunde said.



Klaus Barbie

America probing Barbie's visits

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (R) — The U.S. Justice Department is investigating the possibility that convicted Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie visited the United States several times in the 1960s or early 1970s, *The New York Times* reported Monday.

It said Attorney General William French Smith asked the department to look into the matter after an ex-convict said Barbie boasted to him about having been in the United States, France and Germany.

Barbie, now awaiting trial in France on charges of crimes against humanity, was expelled on Feb. 4 by Bolivia where he had lived for 30 years. Twice in the early 1950s courts in France condemned him to death in his absence for war crimes.

The Times quoted Robert G. Wilson, a Canadian who admitted that he had been a jewel thief and safecracker, as saying that he met Barbie in Bolivia in June 1972 and became his confidant. It said that during interviews Wilson played tape recordings which he said he made with Barbie in 1975.

"I have been in the United States," the paper quoted the voice as saying in German-accented English. "I have been in Germany, I have been in France."

A spokesman for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service said that a rapid search of its records showed no trace of Barbie under his pseudonym of Klaus Altmann.

The U.S. Congress is already investigating whether Barbie, a former Gestapo chief who became known as "the butcher of Lyons," might have been helped in his escape from postwar Europe by U.S. intelligence agencies. Erhard Dabringhaus, a former U.S. military counterintelligence officer, has said he protected Barbie and paid him \$1,700 a month as an informant in 1948.

'Bandit queen' denies revenge massacre

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28 (AP) — It was probably inevitable, but Phoolan Devi now denies participating in all slayings that made her the superstar of Indian outlaws until her recent surrender at a ceremony attended by thousands.

The 1981 St. Valentine's Day revenge massacre of 20 men at Behmai village in northern India was carried out by two other gangs, not hers, Phoolan said in a series of interviews with Indian crime reporters. Her participation is "all propaganda," she says.

The 26-year-old bandit queen met local reporters last week at the Gwalior jail, 300 kilometers southeast of New Delhi, where she and her gang were taken after their formal surrender Feb. 12 to the chief minister of Madhya Pradesh state.

Phoolan, a slim, black-haired woman becoming noted for sharp temper and foul language, appeared briefly in district court over the weekend at Bhand, the town where she surrendered. She and her cohorts were remained to 15 days' more custody to allow police more time to frame charges.

Phoolan surrendered at Bhand after surrendering from the Madhya Pradesh state police and also because the lack of evidence against her in that state. The adjoining state, Uttar Pradesh, wants to try her in about 65 cases of killing, robbery and kidnapping. Transfer there may be a prolonged affair in court.

Phoolan says she will hang herself from a jailyard tree before going back to the other



Phoolan Devi

state. "They can take only my body to Uttar Pradesh," she told a reporter.

Phoolan's male friend, gang member Man Singh, hovers nearby during the interviews at which reporters are invited to sit beside her on the jail cot. The bandit queen, who reportedly cannot read or write, looks to him for guidance on difficult questions.

Aside from the Behmai massacre, a matter to be proved or disproved in court, the

onetime desperado has confirmed many details of what had become the legend of Phoolan Devi. She said she was married at the age of 11 to a middle-aged man who beat her. She went home to mother, to face the taunts of villagers for leaving her husband, and finally drifted into crime.

Several members of Phoolan's family, including her 70-year-old father, Devidin, are with her at the jail. Their presence is a matter of some controversy. Uttar Pradesh police have filed formal kidnapping charges against Madhya Pradesh police, who as part of the surrender deal, escorted family members from their homes in Uttar Pradesh into their state.

Phoolan's parents recently filed affidavits saying they changed states on their own.

Rajendra Chaturvedi, the Bhand police chief credited with arranging Phoolan's surrender, has admitted to reporters that he and aides let themselves be taken unarmed into the bandits' jungle camp to work out the deal. Chaturvedi said few promises were made except police protection for her family, and "I told her that if she surrendered, there was no question of hanging... basically these were her main conditions."

In one of her longest interviews, with Bombay *Sunday Observer* reported Jyoti Punwani, Phoolan was asked how she was accepted as the leader of a series of all-male gangs. Her reply: "Why have all of you accepted Indira Gandhi as (Indian) prime minister?"

U.S. mercenary surrenders to Thai police

BANGKOK, Feb. 28 (R) — James (Bo) Gritz, the Hollywood-backed American mercenary who said he led an attempt to find missing American prisoners of war in Laos, gave himself up to police in Thailand Monday.

A police spokesman said that Gritz, 43, was being held for questioning at Nakhon Phanom, a town beside the Mekong River frontier with Laos. The spokesman said Gritz was accompanied by a lawyer when he gave himself up early Monday morning. It was not known whether the American would face any charges, the spokesman added.

American newspapers reported last week that Gritz, a former Green Beret (commando) colonel, was in Laos on a second search for American prisoners. But there was speculation among Western diplomats in Bangkok that he may not have left Thailand.

Gritz's first attempt was reported to have been financed by Hollywood stars Clint

Eastwood and William Shatner. His commando squad was said to have been ambushed by anti-Communist guerrillas soon after it crossed into Laos last November. One American was captured and had to be ransomed.

Gritz gave himself up on the day two suspected colleagues, Lynn Standerwick, 25, of San Francisco, and Lance Edward Trimmer, 43, of New Mexico, were due to go on trial in Nakhon Phanom for illegally having a radio receiver-transmitter.

But a court official told Reuters the trial has been postponed. The couple were detained two weeks ago after police raided a house they occupied on the banks of the Mekong. The police said they found scuba diving equipment, jungle camouflage uniforms, gas masks and radio equipment in the building.

Miss Standerwick was said by local newspapers to be the daughter of a missing U.S. Air Force pilot, Lt. Col. Robert Standerwick,

whose plane was shot down over Laos in 1971. The United States says an estimated 2,500 Americans are still missing in Indochina after the Vietnam War.

But Vietnam's Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach told journalists in Hanoi last week: "The governments of Vietnam, Kampuchea and Laos have repeatedly declared that no single missing American has been left behind alive in our countries."

Gritz has claimed to have special intelligence about Americans still being kept prisoner in Indochina. Gritz has claimed that various U.S. government agencies had helped provide him with information and support.

But U.S. government spokesmen in Washington have denied this and described private missions like those of Gritz as a hindrance in trying to resolve the cases of some 2,500 Americans who did not return from the Indochina War.

Defected captain indicts N. Korea

SEOUL, Feb. 28 (AFP) — North Korean Air Force Capt. Lee Ung-Pyong defected to South Korea three days ago, aboard his Chinese-made MiG-19 jet fighter since he felt living conditions in North Korea had become unbearable, Yonhap news agency reported here.

The 29-year-old pilot reportedly told authorities here that fuel was in such short supply in North Korea that he had to go to the woods to collect firewood for his home's stove during winter.

He was particularly disillusioned after his colleague who returned home from serving in Libya and Egypt told him that fighter pilots there lived well, owning a car, a television set and a refrigerator, Yonhap said.

Capt. Lee said he had escaped by taking advantage of a rocket firing training. He flew his plane southward immediately after taking off from the Kaechon Air Base north of Pyongyang without being pursued by fellow pilots, he said.

He landed at a South Korean air base near Seoul. He reportedly said he was worried about his younger brother and five sisters with whom he lived at a state-provided house in the North Korean air base, before his defection.

Born in Pyongyang, he graduated from the North Korean Air Force Academy and joined the North Korean Workers' (Communist) Party in 1976.

U.K. intelligence chief

LONDON, Feb. 28 (R) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has appointed a veteran diplomat to a new post of intelligence and security overlord, *The Times* of London said Monday. It described the post as one of the most powerful in the history of British intelligence.

Sir Antony Duff, 63, already security coordinator in the cabinet office, had taken over as chairman of Britain's Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC), previously run from the Foreign Office, *The Times* said.

It said this would give him a complete overview of the British secret services, intelligence gathering and analysis. An official report on last year's Anglo-Argentine war over the Falkland Islands had recommended that the JIC be drawn into the cabinet office's control.

Sir Antony, who was deputy governor of Rhodesia in its 1979-80 transition to independence and majority black rule as Zimbabwe, was persuaded to put off his retirement to take the job, the paper said.



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Nigeria border quiet as immigrants leave

IDIROKO, Nigeria, Feb. 28 (AFP) — The situation was quiet at the border point between Nigeria and Benin Sunday only hours before Nigeria's final deadline for its illegal immigrants to leave. About 10 minibuses, carrying passengers and their belongings, with the inevitable mattresses on the roof, were a reminder of the situation which most Nigerians appear to have forgotten.

On Jan. 17, Interior Minister Ali Baba ordered all Nigeria's illegal immigrants to leave the country, giving unskilled workers until the end of last month to leave, while skilled workers without papers were allowed to stay until the end of this month.

Hundreds of thousands of Ghanaians, along with Chadians, Togolese, Beninese, Camerounians, and people from Mali, Upper Volta and Niger, left the country after being attacked by Nigerians. Abandoning the country which had fed them during the years of plenty fueled by the oil economy, the foreigners pitched up against Ghana's closed borders, with neighboring Benin and Togo incapable of welcoming an unknown number of refugees who would have overloaded their already fragile economies.

In the face of the undiminished queues of

people crowding at the borders, Nigeria relaxed its original quit order to all illegal immigrants and gave an extra month's grace to its foreign skilled workers.

In a Nigeria still reeling from the harsh international reaction to its expulsion order, observers here wondered whether any illegal immigrant workers remained, or whether their numbers had been exaggerated. According to Interior Ministry figures, some 1.5 million immigrants have left, while the Foreign Ministry said that two million Ghanaians alone had returned home.

The Nigerian news agency NAN has regularly reported the arrest and deportation of small groups of foreigners, scattered throughout Nigeria's 19 states. The agency also noted that government patrols were continuing to check with businesses as to whether illegal immigrants had left. Observers noted that although Nigeria's expulsion order was condemned by the Western media, it received widespread support from the local population.

With the prospect of general elections within the next few months, no African criticism of the move has been published by the national press.

Balsemao quits posts

LISBON, Feb. 28 (AFP) — At the end of this weekend's 10th Social Democratic Party (SDP) congress, Francisco Pinto Balsemao, for the past two years both premier and Social Democratic Party leader, returned to the ranks as an ordinary party militant.

Balsemao, 44, became party leader and premier when the charismatic Francisco sa Carneiro, who founded the SDP after the

Delhi shuts university

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28 (AP) — New Delhi's prestigious Jawaharlal Nehru University was ordered closed indefinitely Sunday after striking students announced they would step up their agitation to demand suspension of a professor.

University Vice-Chancellor P.N. Srivastava has been imprisoned in his campus residence by students blockading the house for the past two days. The university students' union said it would lift the blockade only if the professor was suspended. The students allege that Professor P.C. Saxena, who teaches computer science, insulted and humiliated three "untouchable" Hindu students and made derogatory remarks against their community. The professor has denied the charge.

The 3,500-student graduate university has frequently been troubled by strikes, including some launched by teachers, and has been closed twice since its founding 13 years ago.

1974 revolution overthrew the Caetano dictatorship, was killed in a plane crash in December 1980 a little more than one year after triumphantly winning power in coalition with the rightist democratic alliance.

But Balsemao's time at the helm of the center-right coalition government brought him under attack from all sections of the party and from the beginning of the party congress, held on the resort Algarve southern coast, he made it clear that he would accept no new party post.

Balsemao was attacked by opponents for indecision and lack of authority and his sudden resignation last Dec. 18, one week after the party polled badly in local elections, opened a coalition crisis which led President Antonio Ramalho Eanes to dissolve parliament and call new elections next April 25.

The SDP decided to elect a collective leadership to take the party into the crucial April 25 poll which most observers believe will see a victory of Mario Soares' Socialist Party at the expense of the SDP. But observers are debating whether Balsemao's apparent withdrawal from party affairs is more strategic than real.

Mota Pinto, elected caretaker premier with the support of the most conservative sections of the party, will take the party into the polls, for the first time since 1976 into a coalition but alone, and a defeat can only strengthen Balsemao's chances of making a comeback.

Let Umberto return to Italy, son pleads

GENEVA, Feb. 28 (R) — The son of the ailing, exiled former Italian King Umberto urged Italy Monday to change its constitution to let his father return home to die — an issue which could raise a political storm.

Prince Vittorio Emanuele told a news conference that the ex-king, 78, who has bone cancer, had improved after being taken from a London clinic to a Geneva hospital last Friday. He has spent most of the past 36 years in Portugal. "If the Italian politicians were to agree, it would take less than 100 days with a parliamentary vote to annul the present law of exile," the prince said. "I think that is the best way to act," he added.

Italy's republican constitution of 1947 bans the ex-king, his wife and male descendants from setting foot in Italy. King Umberto reigned for a month in 1946 and went abroad when a referendum abolished the monarchy. The question of his return has long been sensitive because ex-King Umberto has never formally recognized the republic's legitimacy and because some Italians resent the monarchy's capitulation to fascism.

The prince rejected a suggestion by some Italian politicians for an amnesty to let the ex-king return. "He does not need to be pardoned," he said. "They should change the constitution so he is allowed to go back in honor."

Dr. Peter Miescher, the ex-king's physician, said he had entered a critical phase about two weeks ago after more than five months in the London clinic. He was now much better but might need a few more weeks in hospital. The prince, heir apparent to the house of Savoy which ruled Italy from 1861 to 1946, said he had learned from newspapers that Italian President Sandro Pertini hoped the ex-king would be allowed to return.

Pertini said this in a letter to one of Umberto's three daughters, but the prince said she lived in Florida and would not receive the letter for several days even though it had been published in Italy. The prince said he did not want to upset his father with the news of the president's letter, and Dr. Miescher added: "One cannot show a patient an invitation to die if he is not going to die."

In Rome, former Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini was Sunday quoted as joining major political parties in calling for an end to the ex-king's exile. Spadolini told the daily newspaper *La Stampa* a vast marshaling of political forces backed the king's wish. "The republic is strong enough to consent to this act of generosity," he said. He appealed for parliament to bypass the lengthy procedures involved in changing the constitution.

A proposed law abolishing the ban on the ex-king's presence was approved overwhelmingly by parliament's constitutional committee earlier this month, but under normal procedures its final approval would take several months.

Red Brigade freed

ALESSANDRIA, Italy, Feb. 28 (R) — Patrizio Peci, Italy's first "repentant" Red Brigades member whose confessions helped to crack the leftist group's long invincibility, has been freed from prison, state radio reported Monday.

Officials at the Alessandria prison in northern Italy, where Peci has been held, declined to confirm the report amid widespread anxiety over possible Red Brigades reprisals against the former leader of the organization's Turin column. Peci's brother Roberto was murdered by the Red Brigades in August 1981 after Patrizio's tip-offs to police, which began soon after his arrest in February 1980, led to the killing and arrest of Brigades members in Turin, Genoa and the Venice area.

A Genoa court acquitted Peci, 29, Saturday of any part in six murders there between 1978 and 1980.

Falklanders celebrate British rule

PORT STANLEY, Falkland Islands, Feb. 28 (AP) — As patrolling Royal Air Force jet fighters roared through clearing skies, Falklanders in high spirits ended seven days of celebrations marking 150 years of British rule.

"It's the only chance since the surrender that people have had to let their hair down, and a lot of them have gained a lot of satisfaction from it," said Graham Bound, editor of the Falklands' newspaper *Penguin News*.

Rain dampened spirits briefly and extended the celebrations by one day when three days of horse racing on Port Stanley's race track was interrupted for a day because mud was too deep.

The horse and foot races, sheep-shearing contests, and Saturday's 20-foot parade were delayed six weeks because the track, center focus of the celebrations, was left in ruins by last year's 74-day war which fol-

lowed the Argentine invasion of the colony April 2.

But volunteers working with British troops stationed here since the Argentine surrender June 14, removed Argentine mines and rebuilt shattered stands to prepare for the hundreds of islanders who arrived in the capital last Sunday.

Remote islanders were helicoptered to Port Stanley by the Royal Air Force while race competitors brought their horses by boat. Many traveled through former minefields on roads cleared by British bomb disposal units.

The British troops are part of a 3,500-strong garrison that outnumbered nearly 2 to one the 1,800 islanders descended from Britain, who fiercely oppose a compromise with the Argentines over the archipelago's sovereignty.

Quake halts Tokyo trains

TOKYO, Feb. 28 (AP) — A sharp earthquake that jolted the Tokyo area Sunday evening briefly halted rail transportation, shut down two airports, stopped elevators in some office buildings and left many residents jittery.

The quake hit at 9:14 (1214 GMT) and registered a four on the Japanese scale of seven at both its epicenter and throughout the Tokyo-Yokohama area, the Central Meteorological Agency said. The agency said the focus of the quake was about 40 kilometers underground at its epicenter near Mito, Ibaraki prefecture, about 100 kilometers northeast of here.

A reading of four on the scale is enough to shake houses and topple vases. Unlike the Richter scale, the Japanese scale measures intensity instead of ground motion. Seven persons in the Tokyo area suffered minor injuries, an official of the National Police Agency said. There were no immediate reports of damage.

An estimated 70,000 riders were stranded for about 45 minutes on trains along the main loop of the Japan National Railways in Tokyo before service was restored, a railway spokesman said. He added that in the Tokyo area, all the speedy "bullet" express trains that travel between major cities as fast as 210 kph also were automatically stopped.

Transport Ministry officials said both the new Tokyo International Airport at Narita and the smaller Haneda Airport were temporarily shut down for inspection of the runways with minutes after the quake. But both airports were reopened after about 20 minutes, they said.

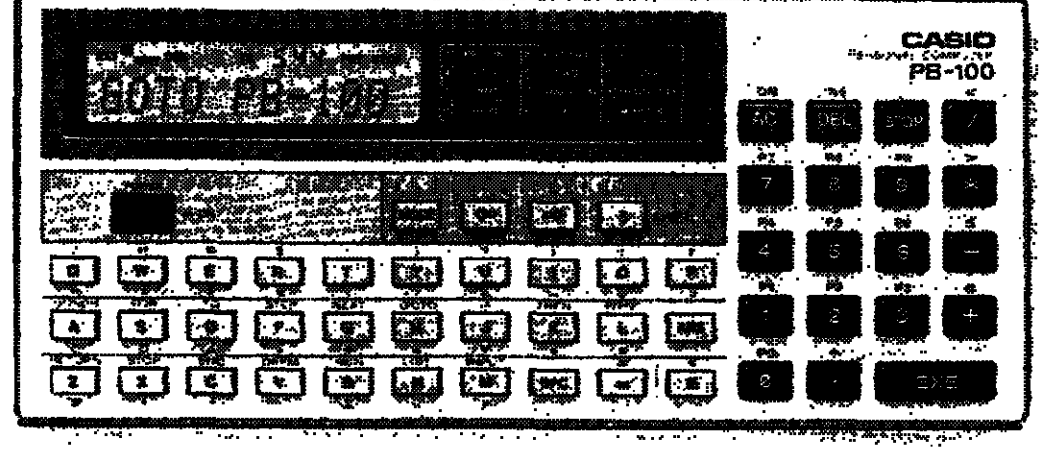
In downtown Tokyo's *Asahi* newspaper building, elevators were shut down after the building swayed for about 20 seconds during the quake. Said a worker at the National Police Agency, "it was the biggest quake I've felt in a while, I was really surprised."

Greece denies coup bid

ATHENS, Feb. 28 (R) — The Greek government denied a rumor sweeping Athens that the armed forces had foiled a coup attempt by army units in the north. The rumor began after security measures were taken in Athens and other major cities as part of an armed forces and security police exercise to test their state of preparedness.

Chief government spokesman Dimitris Maroudas said Sunday all measures had been taken in accordance with the plan and that calm prevailed throughout the country. According to the rumor, army units in Evros, near the Turkish border, tried to overthrow the Socialist government of Andreas Papandreu elected by a landslide in October 1981.

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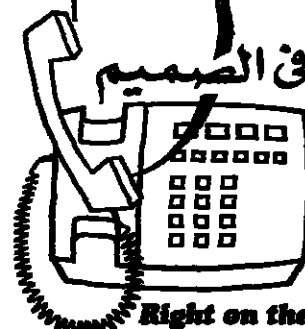
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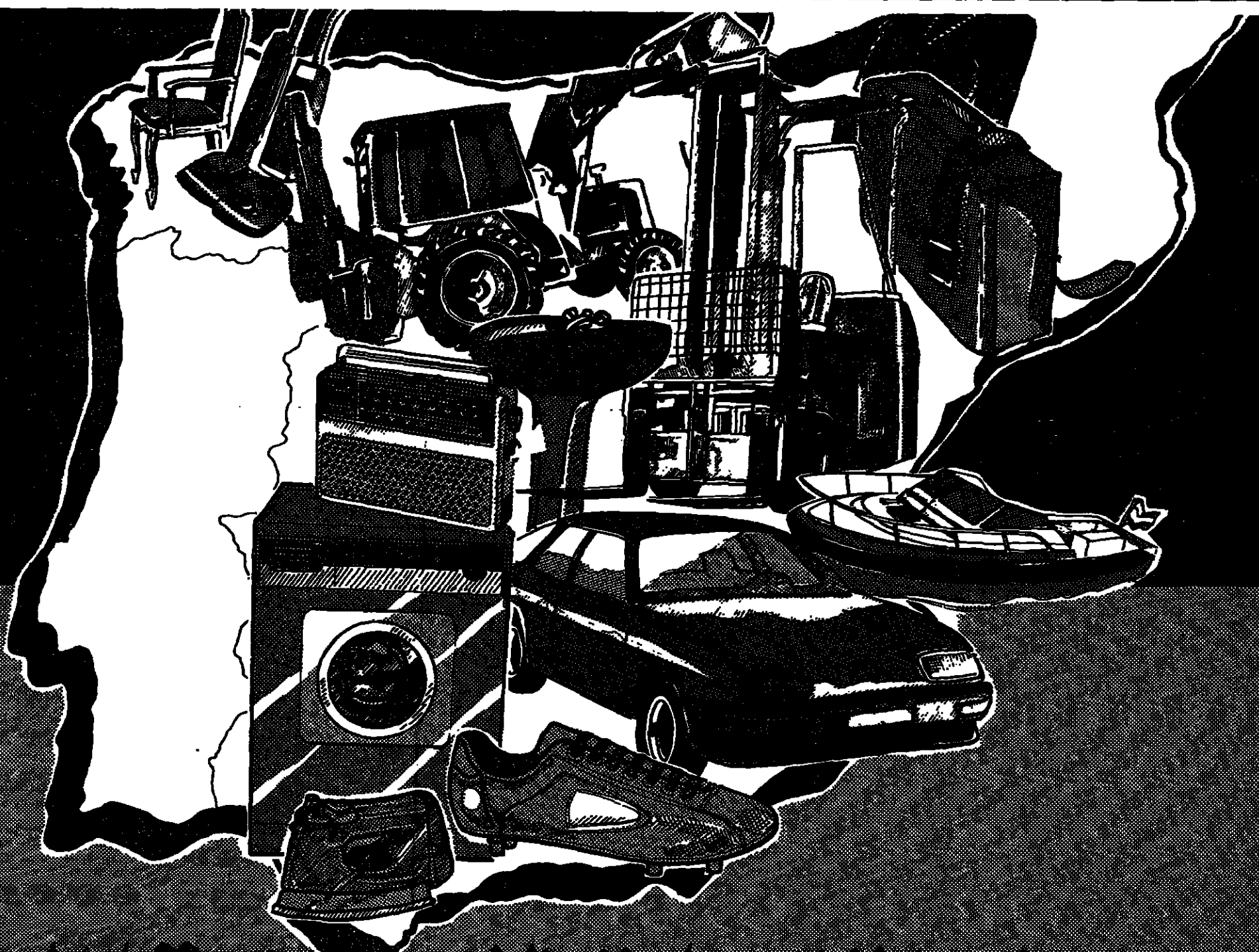
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ACCORD ON SAHARA

The fact that Algeria and Morocco have announced that their heads of state had held a meeting somewhere near the border to discuss mutual problems indicates a measure of success which augurs well for the future.

The principal subject of discussion was, of course, the western desert where a war is being waged involving Morocco and the Algerian-backed Polisario which at one time used to receive lots of arms and money from Libya to enable it to secede from Morocco and form its own independent republic.

The war has already cost all parties, specially Morocco, a great deal in life, money and agony and will remain inconclusive unless Algeria and Morocco agree to let the people of the desert decide freely what they want to do with their territory.

This is apparently what has been decided upon during the four-hour meeting of the two leaders and a referendum in the spring is in the offing. The two countries had committed themselves to a referendum under the auspices of the Organization of African Unity in Nairobi last year. But then the organization bungled the issue of Polisario representation and has failed to meet in full force ever since.

In a way the Algerian-Moroccan agreement may pave the way for the resuscitation of the OAU from its present comatose condition.

Other factors have also helped bring about the agreement. One is the Kingdom's persistent mediation to stop the war and bring the two parties to the negotiating table. These efforts have never really ceased since the war erupted in 1975-1976.

Other factors, albeit negative, have convinced both parties that it is about time to start talking peace. The Libyan government has not only reduced its supplies to Polisario of late but has taken measures which deeply infuriated the Algerians. They have set up camps to train Algerian dissidents for subversive work inside Algeria thereby hitting its erstwhile ally right in the jugular vein while pretending to be still anti-Moroccan.

Libya has done such amazing turn-coat acts before with extraordinary speed but so far not against the Algerians. This is one such act which has proved its unintended merit. It may lead to peace between Algeria and Morocco.

Saudi Arabian press review

A majority of the newspapers Monday highlighted the Moroccan-Algerian summit and described it as "a good step toward establishing strong Arab solidarity capable of facing the challenges threatening the existence of the Arab and Islamic nation."

Commenting on the meeting held Sunday between King Hassan of Morocco and President Chadli Benjedid of Algeria, *Al-Riyadh* expressed the hope that the summit would lead to an all-out Arab unity. "With all their population, experience, cultural ties and international relations, Algeria and Morocco represent the Arab nation's influence in North Africa, while Syria and Iraq stand as bulwarks in the north-eastern part of the Arab world against Zionist expansionism," the paper said.

Other said the meeting had gladdened all Arab and Islamic countries eager to see cohesion and unity prevail all over the Arab and Islamic world. "The gathering is inevitable in view of crucial developments and intrigues marred by Zionism and international powers against the Arab and Muslim nation," the paper said.

Al-Bilad praised King Fahd's efforts to help the two Arab countries settle their differences and unify their ranks. The paper described the Hassan-Benjedid meeting as reflecting a mutual conviction of the need to normalize Algerian-Moroccan relations amidst dangers facing the Arab nation.

Al-Jazirah said the Kingdom had spared no efforts to reconcile the two disputing countries. It added that President Benjedid and King Hassan "are amongst the distinguished Arab leaders interested in establishing Arab unity and solidarity to serve common causes, recover usurped Arab rights and attain victory over the enemy."

Al-Malah highlighted King Fahd's message last Saturday at the start of the sixth Annual Week of Mosques and said the remarks reflected the great care given by the King to preserve the Islamic role of mosques. The paper stressed that King Fahd's message showed the Kingdom's full commitment to the principles of Islamic faith. (SPA)

PNC session — an outstanding triumph for Arafat

By Patrick Seale
and Abdul Latif Al-Farati

LONDON —

The elements of the Palestinian strategy for the next stage were explained by the open resolutions taken by the Palestinian National Council at the end of the meeting and the "unannounced formulas" on which an understanding was reached in some of the closed-door meetings of the Palestine leaders.

In this context, PNC's official spokesman, Ahmad Abdul Rahman, said that "the session and its resolutions represent the phase of a new start for the Palestinian revolution. The new strategy is based on the following points:

(1) Strengthening of the PLO's military prowess. After moving out from Beirut, we have started rebuilding our armed forces. We have unified our forces stationed outside Syria, under a single command;

(2) Our resolutions in this session permit us to continue the political and diplomatic move begun by the Palestinian command sometime ago. Following are the most prominent resolutions of the session:

(i) Approving the Fez proposal as a base for political move in the next stage;

(ii) An understanding on the need for having a formula of confederation with Jordan after the establishment of the independent Palestinian state, and ensuring a special and distinctive relation between the two peoples;

(iii) The PNC showed concern for the Egyptian-Palestinian ties at various levels, and the Egyptian delegation gave the Palestinian leaders a comprehensive analysis of the situation in Egypt after the assassination of Sadat. The analysis is being studied by the Palestinian leadership. An accord has been reached to constitute a joint action committee which would meet immediately after the session.

Erratum

The first part of this article, which appeared yesterday, was also contributed by Patrick Seale and Abdul Latif Al-Farati. The name of Abdul Karim Abu El-Nasr was wrongly mentioned. The error is regretted.

Letters to the editor

Insurance repayments

Sir,

I support the views expressed by Sayed Muhammad Khan on settling the social insurance claims of the expatriates on their departure from the Kingdom. It is requested that the issue may be considered as early as possible since it is creating frustration among the expatriates.

As Khan has already pointed out, the amount will be badly needed by a man with three or four school-going children or when he is out of work. It will be too much to ask him to wait for eight or nine years for the amount.

May I appeal to the government to order the GOSI to reimburse the funds to the expatriates on their departure.

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Please to GOSI

Sir,

An expatriate worker who has completed five years of service in the Kingdom has to wait for more than 15 to 20 years for reimbursement of his contribution to the general insurance scheme in many cases, considering the age of the expatriate workers.

Further, the language snag hampers communication as one has to correspond in Arabic from the country of origin. For instance, in a country like Sri Lanka, it costs 150 rupees to get a small letter translated into Arabic. To keep the records for such a long period and correspond in Arabic is very difficult.

In most countries the expatriates are reimbursed their insurance contributions at the time of their final departure, apart from a bonanza for their services. The authorities should take into consideration these difficulties and order repayment which will also help to eliminate a major workload in the GOSI office.

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sion to pursue the Egyptian-Palestinian relations at all levels. In my assessment, the information given by the Egyptians is being seriously considered by the organization's leadership;

(iv) As regards a dialogue with the Jewish progressive and democratic forces in and outside occupied Palestine, an understanding has been reached to continue the dialogue. A committee has been formed to prepare a study to specify the Jewish forces with whom to conduct the dialogue, from the standpoint of their recognition of the Palestinian rights;

(v) As for the Reagan initiative, an understanding was reached that the initiative does not fulfill the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people. It is incomplete, does not speak of the basic rights of the Palestinians and also does not constitute a solid base for an equitable solution to the Palestine issue.

During the session, divergent views were observed, and "we do not say that the Palestinian scene must agree to all the details. It would suffice to be agreeable on the broadlines of the Palestinian action. Every detachment of the Palestinian revolution has the right to express its views on any issue, but the general action and the requirements of the revolution and of the Palestinian people are represented in the resolutions of the PLO's executive committee."

"We would say that the Palestine scene is democratic, which necessitates submission of the minority to the majority's view, and we apply this principle whenever it becomes difficult to reach a collective accord. We do respect the views of the Palestinian opposition but this does not prevent us from saying that the resolution to which all must be bound would be that of the majority."

Abu Jihad: a second war in Lebanon

A significant issue discussed at the session was whether the PLO still had a military option after the Palestinian pullout from Beirut and South Lebanon? The Palestinian leaders were keen to reiterate that the PLO was still capable of a military action against the Israeli targets, no matter whether they were in the occupied land or in Lebanon. In this connection, it was learned that Palestinian military leaders held secret meetings in Algiers, just after the session, to "organize" an armed action in the next stage.

Abu Jihad, deputy commander of the Palestinian revolutionary forces, said that "we expect a second battle in Lebanon. Israel did not come to Lebanon just to oust the Palestinians but to achieve strategic interests. Israel wants the peace accord with open boundaries and will use military pressure to realize its political objectives. The Israelis are preparing to attack the Syrian and Palestinian forces in Lebanon. Therefore, there ought to be no differences between us and Syria."

He added that "our strategy is centered on bolstering the capabilities of our fighters in hitting the Israeli military targets in Lebanon and the occupied land. Our fighters are now stationed in 10 Arab states. This has its own advantages. We are not in one cage and Israel cannot threaten our destruction. Meanwhile, our forces can reorganize themselves and get training without fear of air raids."

In this connection, Ahmad Jibril said that "the military struggle in the occupied territory would not be easy. But this does not mean that we would not undertake military actions there. For such actions, we must rely on our own fighters and military cadres now available outside the occupied land. The more we are powerful outside, the more we shall be strong inside, and in our opinion, Syria must be fully prepared to face any retaliatory attack from Israel. We believe that the present balance of power will not secure an equitable solution to our cause."

Now, we have to consider a few prominent matters that took place during the session. Lebanon occupied a major portion of the session's debate. What was observed was a mixture of pain and sorrow for what had happened there; there was also concern over the fate of the Palestinians in Lebanon. Speaking on the occasion, Shafiq Al-Hout, director of PLO's Beirut bureau, said that "we entered Lebanon not because it is more Arab than others, but because it was an open garden. Beirut was the greatest capital that loved us and also hated us. There, 400,000 Palestinians are facing problems and pressures, some by the Israelis and others by some other elements. In Lebanon, someone loved you and committed suicide for your sake, but someone else committed suicide for the sake of killing you."

The Sartawi issue

Before the session came to a close, Dr. Essam Al-Sartawi, one of Arafat's major advisers, resigned from the PNC membership. This created a stir in the West because Sartawi symbolized peace and was a most prominent personality calling for a dialogue with the Jewish forces supporting the Palestinian rights. It was Sartawi who had paved the way for a meeting between Arafat and the three Israeli personalities in Tunis.

Sartawi resigned because he wanted to address the session but Arafat prevented him and other members of Fatah movement from doing so. According to informed sources, Arafat apparently wanted to avoid a "blast" inside the PNC, for Sartawi would have urged the adoption of a resolution to recognize Israel on the basis that the council had earlier approved the Brezhnev plan.

Sartawi was also reported to have intended to call for the formation of a committee to inquire into the causes of the Lebanese events and to fix the responsibility. He believed that the Lebanese events were a "Palestinian, Arab and Lebanese calamity", regardless of the astounding heroism of the Lebanese and Palestinian fighters. The council, however, turned down his resignation.

Abu Saleh's membership of the PNC was terminated and he was banned from attending the session, with several of his supporters deported from Algeria. A member of the Fatah command, Abu Saleh had bitterly criticized Arafat after the Lebanon war. It is said that Abu Saleh also attempted to become his "replacement", and had sided with Syria in its conflict with Abu Ammar. Rumors are afloat that Abu Saleh will be removed from the Fatah command too.

Twentythree military elements were added to the PNC membership, which was considered an outstanding triumph for Arafat. According to informed sources, Arafat suggested that he be elected directly by the PNC, but the Fatah command rejected the proposal and demanded that his election be continued to be conducted by the PLO's executive committee.

Invitation from Qaddafi

While the council was in session, Abdul Qader Ghoghah arrived in Algiers carrying a message from Libyan President Muammar Qaddafi to Arafat and Abu Iyad, a leading member of Fatah. In this connection, informed sources reported that Qaddafi invited Arafat and Abu Iyad to visit Libya and to appear with him in a TV interview discussing various issues and projects, including the war in Lebanon. It was, however, observed that Abu Iyad criticized Libya's attitude during the council meetings.

In one of the open sessions, Ahmad Jibril violently attacked Arafat and his policy and announced his rejection of all peace initiatives and plans. He also praised Qaddafi and Syrian President Hafez Assad. As the speech concluded, Arafat embraced Jibril as if nothing had happened. But Abu Iyad retorted by saying "we notice that some children are trying to give us lessons in resistance while the Fatah movement had the honor of starting the revolution".

Leadership and unity

Now, how can the deliberations of this session be summarized? To start with, the 16th session reaffirmed the leadership of Yasser Arafat and his being at the helm of the Palestinian revolution. It also gave him a greater measure of the freedom of movement. The opposition voices in the meetings did not weaken but strengthened Arafat's attitude.

Once again, Fatah emerged as the principal power at the Palestinian scene, obtaining "new legitimacy" from the session. The Palestinian national unity came out victorious despite all differences in views on several issues. As a matter of fact, these differences had shown the depth of national unity and the extent to which all were keen on it.

The session left the door open for the political option, without, at the same time, closing the door before the military option. Arafat concentrated on this aspect in a closed-door meeting, saying "we ought to be realistic and sensible. The situation is so serious that the fate of all of us is threatened after the Beirut events. There are conspiracies from every direction, and when I speak about a moderate attitude, I do not mean laxity. This is not by habit, (but I do so) because I know that they will hold us responsible for rejecting peace, and then the process of annihilation of our people would be completed. We have paid the price of the Fez summit failure, first by the Israeli invasion".

Arafat continued: "I am prepared to leave for you this seat and responsibility. Let anyone come forward and assume it and be responsible before Allah, history and our people... If we did not agree here and bring out a sensible formula, rest assured that the world will forget us and will also abandon us within a year or two."

"Are the bettors aware that they are behaving as if they are preparing the coffin of the Palestinian people? It is strange that some people call for the rejection of the Fez proposal. Don't you know that it is a nationalist, Palestinian and Arab proposal? We are with the Arab unanimity which was realized for the first time, approving the Palestinian rights and an independent Palestinian state... confederated with Jordan. Don't you know that this is the first hit-back on the Reagan initiative? We shall work for achieving the impossible, in order to force him and others to accept (our rights)?"

What after the session?

According to well-informed sources, the following events are expected to take place in the future:

* Arafat will go to New Delhi in the first week of March to take part in the nonaligned summit, which will provide an opportunity to hold meetings with several Arab leaders for consultations on the future stage in the light of the PNC resolutions. Most probably, Arafat and President Mubarak will meet in New Delhi.

* Arafat will meet with King Hussein either in Amman or in New Delhi, and will acquaint him with the Algiers events. King Hussein is expected to go to Washington in the second half of March for talks with President Reagan on steps to be taken in the next stage. He will go to Washington without any official authorization by the Palestinians, but he might talk to Reagan on the basis of "partial" and unannounced Palestinian authorization, in order to put a feeler on the American administration and to know its intentions.

* Algeria and several other Arab circles will make fresh endeavors to arrange a meeting between Assad and Arafat, in order to improve Syro-Palestinian relations.

(Translated from sister publication *Al-Majalla*)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, March 1, the 60th day of 1983. There are 305 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1523 — League of Heidelberg is formed by Catholic and Protestant princes in Germany to prevent election of Philip of Spain as Roman emperor.

1767 — Charles III expels Roman Catholic Jesuits from Spain.

1811 — Mehmet Ali massacres the Manelukes at Cairo, Egypt.

1896 — Ethiopian forces defeat Italians at Adowa, northern Ethiopia, forcing Italy to sue for peace.

1918 — German forces occupy Kiev, Russia, in World War I.

1943 — Britain's Royal Air Force begins systematic bombing of European railway systems in World War II.

1959 — Archbishop Makarios returns to Cyprus from exile.

1966 — Soviet Union lands one-ton spacecraft on planet Venus after three and one-half month flight.

1968 — Law is passed in Britain drastically reducing immigration of British citizens of Asian ancestry from Kenya.

1970 — Rhodesia's white minority government formally severs last tie with British crown, dissolves parliament and declares racially-segregated republic.

1980 — Colombia government starts negotiations with leftist holding about 40 hostages in Dominican Republic Embassy.

1982 — Polish leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski arrives in Moscow to hearty welcome by Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.

Thought for today:

One cannot know everything — Horace, Roman poet-satirist (68 B.C. — 8 B.C.).

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Symbol of America's social imbalance

Tent City inmates see more misery ahead

By Jeannette Garrett
Houston Bureau

TENT CITY — On each tent or wooden lean-to a white official paper fluttered in the wind, a silent edict signaling the end of Tent City, a makeshift community of the down and out that had become a symbol of America's economic vulnerability. An estimated 2 million people are homeless in the United States and at least 200 of them had found their way at one time or another to this roadside park next to the San Jacinto bridge, 30 miles from downtown Houston.

For almost a year, unemployed men and women, some of them with young children, had camped out in the state park, an designated for vacationers to camp overnight. They cooked on the barbecue grills, slept on the cement benches, and soon enclosed the benches with tents or shanties made of cardboard, plywood and strong plastic. A lucky few even slept in dilapidated campers or abandoned school buses.

But they were fragile shelters for people with fragile holds on their lives. One resident, a transient fruit picker, learned just how fragile when he burned to death inside tent Feb. 2 night when the temperature outside was in the low 30s.

The rest of the residents learned it the next day when a county fire marshal, citing numerous safety hazards, told them they had 48 hours either to comply with safety codes or to leave the camp.

Since compliance meant fire-resistant tents, expensive firefighting equipment, and an end to open campfires, most of the residents began to tear down their shelters next morning. Failure to obey the fire marshal's orders would have brought a \$1,000 fine and six months in jail. Many of the residents had no idea where they would go after leaving Tent City. Others waited for rides from friends or accepted last-minute offers of assistance from strangers.

Ken Fuller, a western artist in his 50s who goes by the name "rimbrandt," had been at Tent City only a week before being told to leave, but he had been unemployed for eight months. Half blind from cataracts, Fuller needed an urgent eye surgery at a hospital in nearby Baytown.

After his eyesight began to fail, Fuller said, "I utilized all the money I had. I had been staying with friends, but they had a family and I felt like I was in the way. They brought me out here and dropped me off."

Dressed in faded, baggy blue jeans, wearing sunglasses to protect his eyes, and sporting a three-week-old beard, Fuller stood beside a smoking barbecue pit warming himself while a pot beans cooked. He was waiting for a friend from Baytown to come to pick him up. "She hadn't got any place for me to stay," he said. "All I want to do is get back closer to where I know more people. Maybe one of them will come along and give me a helping hand."

On that particular day at Tent City garbage overflowed from cans and sacks, apples and oranges that had been donated rotted in cardboard boxes, mangled dogs rummaged from one campsite to another and the smell of propane gas and uncollected garbage filled the air. The camp looked much the same a few weeks ago when Ron Tuttle arrived with his 7-year-old daughter, but he didn't complain. The young man said: "It was a lot better than the sidewalk."

Tuttle, who was a mover for a furniture company before he lost his job, was evicted from his apartment for not paying the rent, and hitchhiked with his daughter the 40 miles from Pasadena to Tent City.

Cocaine queen's arrest coup for Colombia police

By Geoffrey Matthews

BOGOTA (LOS) — She was asleep, her head resting appropriately on a pillow packed with cocaine. Under the pillow was a Colt 45, but Veronica Rivera de Vargas never had a chance to reach for it when police burst into her bedroom in an isolated ranch house in Colombia.

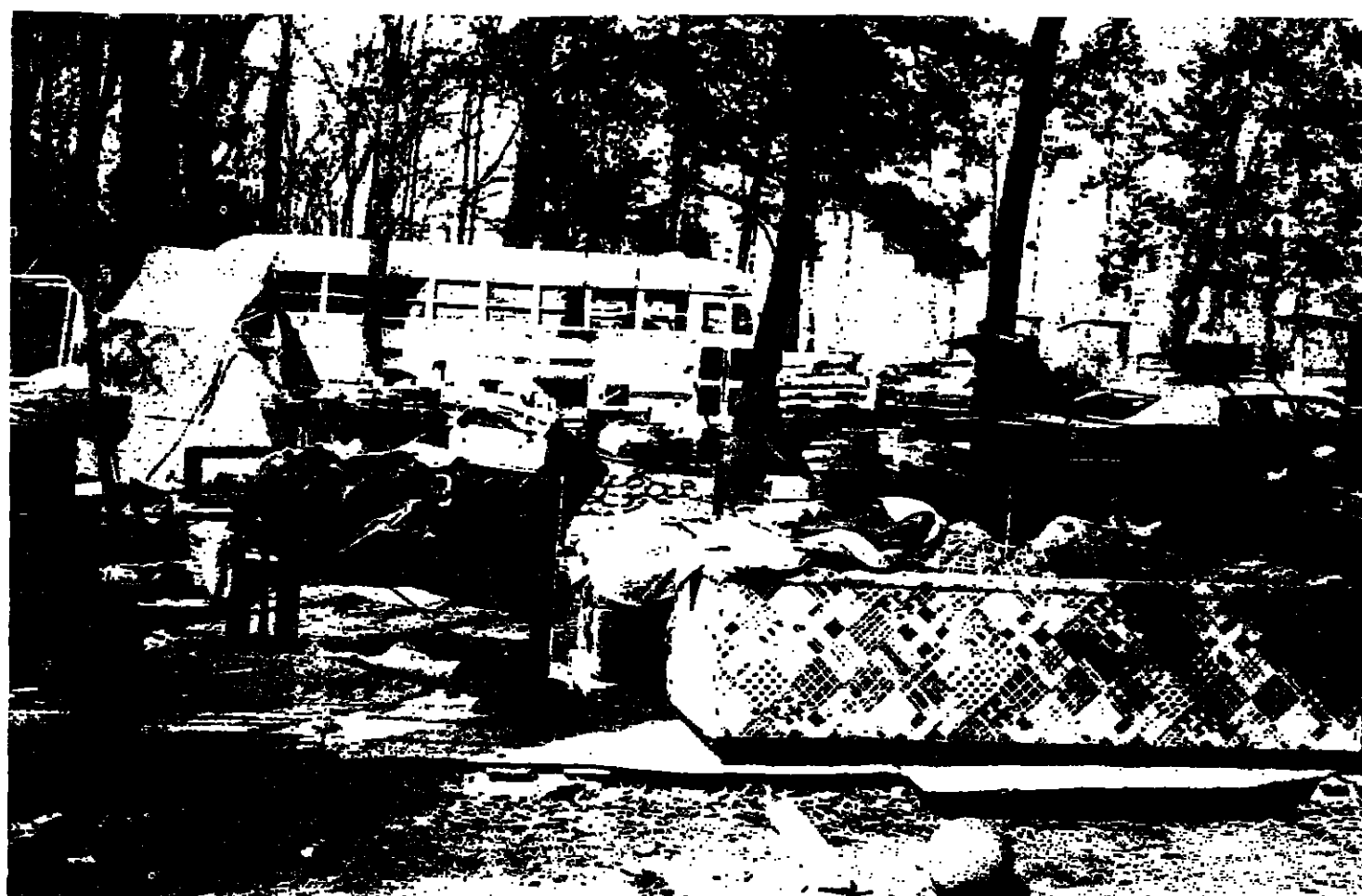
So ended years of hunting for the legendary "queen of coke," one of the biggest and most ruthless racketeers, of the billion-dollar Colombian connection network. In the ranch house, a total haul of 132 kilograms of cocaine, worth an estimated \$150 million, was discovered.

Impressive in a dark and sultry way though hardly beautiful, the 40-year-old Veronica has always wielded a powerful fascination over the men in her life — whether the things she hired to protect her, the campesinos who cultivated the coca plant on her vast estates, or two dead husbands and numerous friends.

Indeed, the ranch house where she was captured was owned by her latest friend. The owner, a "respectable" local farmer, was not at home at the time of the raid, but was arrested soon afterward. One of Veronica's arresting officers said later: "She is cunning, evil, and — without doubt — brave. Some woman!" Her first words to the police were: "Well, now you've got the merchandise," though whether she was referring to the cocaine or herself nobody is sure.

Veronica's arrest was a coup for the police. For apart from her drug-smuggling activities, the bloody gang wars she periodically launched against her rivals were hardly conducive to law and order in this somewhat lawless land. The most vicious of her vendettas erupted in 1977 when her thugs kidnapped the daughter of another drug dealer who had fallen foul of Veronica for failing to pay for one of her drug shipments he had commissioned. Unfortunately for him the shipment had been discovered and confiscated by the law authorities in Florida before he could sell it in the United States.

However, Veronica considered a deal to



HOME ON WHEELS: Some residents of Tent City used to sleep in the abandoned bus seen in the background. Donations to the city included old furniture too. Below: They lived in campers as well as lean-tos made of plywood and plastic. These occupying shelters relied on open campfires for warmth.



Blaming "the government, the politicians, the money-makers," for his predicament, Tuttle said, "I don't see where it's doing no harm for somebody to stay in a place like this until they can get on their feet. I was looking forward to staying here until I got some money up."

What does he wish for more than anything else? "Security — a job, a house, school for my daughter. More security for my daughter than anything."

Thursday morning, Tuttle's wish was partly granted when a husband and wife who had seen a television newscast about Tent City

came out to offer their apartment to some of the residents. "It's not a very big apartment," said Mrs. Billy Van, "but we've got a lot of couches, and I've already told the people that are coming they may have to sleep on the floor, but it will be warm."

Mr. Van's husband, who is unemployed himself and gets by on only an unemployment check, said he knows firsthand what Tuttle and the other squatters are going through because he used to live on the streets. "I wish somebody would've offered me something then," he said.

"I wish half of Houston would come down here and help these people," said his wife. "They rally behind a football team, they could rally behind the Houston people. Half these people here are from Houston."

The publicity generated by the fire marshal's order not only brought offers of shelter from voluntary organizations and individuals, but in some cases, money and job offers.

A former waitress and factory worker, Miss Brown was on her way to her sister's in Dayton, Ohio, before she came to Tent City. She had held a garage sale to raise money for the trip, and what she didn't sell she stopped by the campsite to donate. "Everyone was so friendly, made me feel so welcome, that I said, 'If the rest of the people can do it, I can too'."

But Miss Brown was ready to leave. Her station wagon, with a dead battery and no gas, was packed to the roof, and as she waited outside her wooden lean-to for the couple who would be her new employers, she reflected on these last few months of her life. "I'll say that it was something that was wonderful that happened in life. It brought people together," she said.

Bill Collins, who is a year younger than Lucy Brown, probably made four to five times as much money as she did when he worked. Less than a year ago he and his wife were living in a \$90,000 home in a prosperous Houston suburb, enjoying the security that a high salary and 25 years of job experience can bring.

For the last 12 years Collins had lived in Houston and managed the industrial dry cleaning/laundry plant where his wife was assistant manager. Last September, Collins, who was earning \$600 a week, received what he thought was a better job offer from a plant in Minnesota. After he arrived, the salary turned out to be half what he was making in Houston and other problems developed which made him leave, confident that he could find work back in Houston. He couldn't. When he failed to make his house payments, the mortgage company repossessed it, and he and his wife moved to Tent City where they have lived since late November in a small camper. Collins has had only part-time jobs since then.

Though they are reluctant to become a burden on their family, the Collinses will move in with their daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter in a rented mobile home. But as the elected spokesman for the residents of Tent City, a group of people he has come to know as friends, Collins felt particularly sad

about leaving and concerned about splitting up the group. "Some of these people get me up in the night if they have a problem. I get up. I talk to them," he said. "When people are down and out, these things happen. They need somebody to talk to."

While his wife continued to pack their van, and two of his three young children used sticks to scrub mud off the Minnesota license plate, Jim Stark roamed the campsite picking up aluminum cans and putting them in a large garbage bag. Each pound of cans will earn him 23 cents. "Sometimes I get \$10, \$15, \$20 a week out here," Stark said. "That's how we buy milk."

He and his wife brought their children to Houston from Minnesota January after Stark, a truck driver who owned his own rig, lost both his job and his rig. But the bad luck had just begun. Before he left Minnesota his car was repossessed. The family drove a van down to Houston, but it was stolen while Stark's wife was talking to someone about getting a job. The van was returned just in time for the family to leave Tent City. The money Stark makes from picking up empty cans will go to buy gasoline.

Ironically, Stark, who is from nearby Crosby, used to come to Tent City to help the people there by donating food and clothes. "I said I'd never end up here," Stark recalled. "I ended up here."

Hours after the fire marshal's noon deadline, five families, with nowhere else to go, had moved a few miles from the original campsite and parked off the side of the road. But before they had settled in for the night a state highway patrolman stopped by to warn them that if they were not gone by sunrise, their vehicles would be impounded, they would be sent to jail, and their children would be turned over to child welfare. "We don't want another Tent City on our hands," the patrolman said.

Nazi claims power to shake up Europe

By David Storey

BARCZEWO, Poland (R) — Erich Koch, known as one of the cruelest of Hitler's Nazi administrators, is living in a book-lined solitary cell in Barczewo prison 24 years after he was sentenced to death for war crimes.

Koch, now 86 and wizened, still sports the clipped Hitler-style moustache he wore when he was gauleiter (administrative and political chief) of East Prussia and commissar for the Ukraine during World War II, according to Polish journalists who visited him recently.

After Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy kept in Berlin's Spandau Prison, Koch is believed to be the most senior Nazi official still in captivity.

He was sentenced to death in 1959 by a Polish court, which held him responsible for the killing of 72,000 Poles and the dispatch of 200,000 others to forced labor camps.

In the Soviet area under his command four million people were killed and two million sent to camps, Polish officials say.

Many of the children disturbing the peace with their giggles as they hurl snowballs and skate on a frozen lake beneath the prison walls are descended from families who survived the terror.

Barczewo, about 70 kms from one of Hitler's main wartime command bunkers at Ketrzyn, is in the heart of Poland's wooded Lake district, a popular tourist region. Koch played a key role in Nazi plans to clear Slavic people from their traditional homes here and elsewhere to make way for Germans.

Official Polish accounts charge him with plundering places under his command of artistic and religious treasures. They say he did this with supreme ruthlessness, and was marked down for the post of commissar in Moscow had the Russians been defeated finally.

At the end of the war he escaped by boat to what is now West Germany and lived under the name Rolf Berger until detected and captured near Hamburg in the British sector.

He was handed over to the Poles in 1950 with the British condition that he be tried by a Polish and not by a Russian court. He was eventually tried eight years later and the death sentence passed on March 9, 1959.

Officially the sentence has not been carried out because of Koch's ill health — executions can only take place in Poland if the criminal is

fit. But many Poles believe he has only feigned sickness and suspect another reason.

During his trial Koch developed a technique of vomiting at will to hold up the proceedings. The fact that he has survived to enjoy rude good health in his eighties undermines suggestions at the time of his trial that he had cancer.

One popular theory is that the execution did not take place because Koch had valuable information which the Polish leaders hoped he would eventually disclose — perhaps about hidden treasures or about other Germans involved in the Nazi era.

There has been widespread speculation here about the so-called chamber — a room lined with the valuable yellow fossilized resin from the Baltic coast which disappeared from a Leningrad palace during the war. The city was part of Koch's sphere of influence.

Koch was visited last year by Polish journalist Bogdan Zakrzewski, who said he remembered being almost run over by Koch's black limousine near Warsaw when he was a small boy. He said Koch had sat next to the driver and in the back two Nazi officers sat with a woman between them on the seat.

In an article in the weekly *Przegląd Tygodniowy* (weekly review) he quoted Koch as declaring during the war that "it is better to hang 100 people too many than one person too few."

When the two met in a visiting room behind the heavy metal prison gates here, Koch flew into a rage. "He spat twice at my feet. He waved his arms over his head and foamed at the mouth," wrote Zakrzewski.

He quoted the diminutive prisoner as shouting: "Do you know I have sat for more than 30 years in Polish prisons? Am I supposed to talk to the likes of you? You will never live to see that day. You know what the Polish press is? It is trash. There is no truth in it. The truth is in our country — Germany."

Koch, who speaks good Polish, said in another interview reported in the same paper that he was not writing his memoirs, but if he chose to speak out "it would shake up all of Europe and more than one dignitary would fall."

Prison guards told Zakrzewski that Koch's cell is lined with books mainly on politics and economics which he bought with funds from an account fed by relatives in West Germany.

Hundreds of elephants slain by Kenyan hunters

NAIROBI (AFP) — The discovery of hundreds of elephant tusks in a coastal province of Kenya last week has revived fears here that the 1977 government ban on big game hunting has done little to protect the country's endangered wildlife from the indiscriminate bullets of poachers.

The haul was accidentally discovered when an anti-poaching unit ran into a pack of about 30 poachers as they were hagglng with a group of buyers. One of the buyers was reported to be an "Asian".

A group of five men has now been charged with illegal possession of 883 elephant tusks valued at about 1.7 million shillings (about \$140,000).

Attorney General Mathews Muli, who said he would be calling 19 witnesses, told the court the seized tusks weighed 2,911 kilos, or roughly three tons. The poachers, who are reported to have come from neighboring Somalia and been well armed, held the anti-poaching unit at bay in a three-hour firefight before being arrested after they fled into thick bush.

Kenya's 1977 decision to ban hunting, taken after a sustained campaign by conservationist organizations, was greeted with international applause. Tourism Minister Elijah Mwangi said that investigations into the origins of the haul showed that some of the ivory had come from Somalia and was being shipped out through Kenya. However he agreed that some elephants had been shot in Kenya.

This was the biggest haul of smuggled ivory in recent times.

The anti-poaching unit's previous record was in July 1980 when 97 tusks were found in Garissa district, northeastern province. Earlier the same year officials recovered 73 tusks. In 1979 a half-million-dollar consignment of ivory and rhino horns from Kenya was impounded by West German customs officials.

Wildlife conservationists in Kenya expressed considerable shock on hearing of last week's haul. Richard Leakey, chairman of the wildlife organization of Kenya said it was

shocking that 441 elephants could have been slain without anyone noticing. He charged that some senior Kenyans were responsible for "widespread" poaching in the country and wondered how long the government would take to bring them to book.

Leakey urged the government to provide the anti-poaching unit with modern weapons so that they could match up to the poachers, who he said were highly drilled "because most of them have fought in shifts (bandit) wars with government troops."

A director of the African Wildlife Leadership Foundation (AWLF), Sandra Price, also deplored the carnage of the elephants and warned that at that rate, the species could be wiped out "very soon." She suggested that the government lift the ban on hunting and introduce "carefully regulated" hunting so that revenue accrued could benefit the ordinary Kenyan. "As it stands now, the wildlife resources are only benefiting a few people", she said.

AWLF Chairman Robert Smiths has vowed that his organization would continue to fight poaching in Africa. He said that the biggest problem on the continent remained the smuggling of the rhino — whose horn is much sought after in Asia.

Yemen has already imported 49,819 pounds of the horn — equivalent to 8,000 African black rhino — according to officials of the Wildlife Fund. The horn is also used for making dagger handles.

In a message aimed at appeasing worried conservationists, Tourism Minister Mwangi said poaching in other parts of the country had been wiped out. The government had deployed enough resources in Lamu area to combat the current menace, he said.

According to statistics available, there were nearly 8,800 rhinos when the government banned hunting in 1977, but the number has now fallen to just 1,000. Vice-President and Home Affairs Minister Mwai Kibaki caused a stir last year when he said that only 81 remained in the country's national parks. There are still an estimated 65,000 elephants in Kenya.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH A CRASH DIET?



Dr. Peter
J. Steincrohn
M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I still go to a stodgy doctor. I don't know why, except it's force of habit. The real reason is that he "cares" for you. He's a good listener and compassionate. Yet, these good qualities aren't enough to keep me satisfied. He's stubborn. For example, consider one of my main problems. I've been overweight for years. Not once has he recommended some new way to lose it. It's always the same old diet. You can't lose more than a half-pound a week on it and you get tired of dieting. But he says it's the only way to reduce. He refuses to recommend one of the new crash diets. They promise you'll lose at least 5 pounds a week. But he keeps warning me against these "fad" diets. So much so, I'm too scared to try them. Doesn't it make more sense to use a diet that promises to take off weight fast? — Mrs. D.

Dear Mrs. D.: Many a good doctor has been accused of being "behind the times" because he refuses to recommend a modern reduction cure. It takes guts to stand up against these fad diets. Especially so, when you consider the millions of words in diet books and articles that make many alluring promises for health and good looks.

Yes, weight dissolves like butter in a hot pan. But within weeks or months, fat begins infiltrating and accumulating. New clothes become unwearable again. But what's most important is what crash dieting may do to your health. Consider how an unbalanced diet with lack of protein weakens your muscles — including the most important one, your heart muscle, how high fat diets eventually weaken

your arteries, how crazy high carbohydrate diets disrupt your blood sugar levels. Add to these the yo-yo type of existence: losing, gaining, losing, gaining — and the sense of frustration.

Be thankful for your stodgy doctor, Mrs. D. His diet may be "old-fashioned" and unspectacular, but in the end it will be more effective. At least, your body will be getting the proper nutrition it deserves, while you're depriving it of the "goodies" it craves.

MEDICALLETTES

(Replies to and from readers):

For Mrs. L.: I commend you for taking your 7-year-old son to a pediatrician to treat his dyslexia. The sooner treated, the better. But he may require more attention. For example, advice from a psychologist and a reading specialist. Remedial programs require cooperation from several professional sources. Such treatment will improve his reading difficulty. You are wise in not relying on the passage of time to solve his problem.

For Mr. F.: Many joggers and other physical fitness enthusiasts will hate me for this. The other day, I was asked what I considered the best form of exertion for fitness. I said, "The most exhilarating form of exercise: riding a bicycle downhill." But seriously, I consider that daily walking is the primary method for attaining physical fitness.

(Tomorrow: Self-treatment is dangerous)

Global oil, gas output drops by 7.2 percent

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (R) — Non-Communist world production of crude oil and natural gas liquids fell 7.2 percent to 41.5 million barrels per day (bpd) last year, *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly* said.

With most estimates of 1982 world oil consumption ranging from 45 to 45.5 million bpd, this means at least four million bpd was withdrawn from inventory during the year.

The weekly news letter estimated that crude oil accounted for 38.3 million bpd of the 1982 total, down 7.3 percent from the 42.3 percent produced in 1981. But OPEC production dropped 18 percent to 18.4 million bpd.

The OPEC total was nearly 1.5 million bpd under that of the remaining non-Communist producers, which rose five percent to 19.9 million bpd, *PIW* said.

It calculates that OPEC provided 48 percent of the non-Communist world's production in 1982, the first time since 1962 OPEC had a minority share of the output outside the centrally planned economies. OPEC's share

has been sliding since it reached a peak of 67.9 percent in 1976.

It said the only major OPEC producers with output gains last year were Iran, Iraq and Libya. Saudi Arabia's production dropped 35 percent to 6.3 million bpd, its lowest annual average in 10 years, it estimated.

PIW said other big losers among the OPEC producers were Kuwait, off 28 percent to 670,000 bpd, the United Arab Emirates, off 19 percent to 1.2 million, and Indonesia, off 17 percent to 1.3 million.

It said strength in non-OPEC producing areas came largely on gains in Mexico and the North Sea. Each scored a yearly average of 2.7 million barrels bpd, higher than all but one OPEC nation, Saudi Arabia.

It said average production for the total world, including the centrally planned economies, was 55.9 million bpd in 1982, off five percent from 1981. It said the Soviet Union had a slight gain as did China, but East European producers dipped one percent.

Mauroy rules out currency devaluation

PARIS, Feb. 28 (R) — French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy said he ruled out the possibility of a devaluation of the franc and of introducing protectionist trade policies following French municipal elections in March.

"As far as a devaluation is concerned, I rule it out completely. There is no question of one," he said in response to journalists' questions during a debate on French radio. There is also no question of pursuing a policy of protectionism, he added.

Mauroy said a 0.9 percent rise in the retail price index last month was an aberration and will not be repeated in February and March, noting the government held to its target of cutting inflation to an annual eight percent by the end of the year.

He referred to extraordinary factors such as rises in rents and television licenses which had fallen due in January and added that 0.9 percent was the lowest January rise for four years.

Mauroy also said his government planned to reduce the trade deficit by 40 billion francs this year, from 92.7 billion francs in 1982, despite January's sharp increase to a 9.58 billion shortfall from December's 5.99 billion.

Turkey seeks \$200m loan

ANKARA, Feb. 28 (R) — Turkey is seeking a medium-term syndicated loan of around \$200 million to help smooth balance of payments financing and the servicing of foreign debts, government sources have said.

They said negotiations with banks including Morgan Guaranty were still at an early stage but that the attitude of U.S. banks was encouraging. Banks in Europe and the Gulf had also been approached.

The sources said the loan was being sought partly to ensure no problems were encountered as payments of re-negotiated loans fall due in 1985 when Turkey will have to find an annual \$2.9 billion compared to \$2.1 billion in 1982.

Study reveals

Canada's fishing industry in troubled waters

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, Feb. 28 (R) — Canada may be the world's largest fish exporter but its storm-tossed fishing industry could sink unless it chases better quality fish and learns to process and market it more efficiently.

That was the blunt message delivered by top bureaucrat Michael Kirby to the 100,000 people who depend on fishing to scrape together a meager living in Canada's Atlantic provinces.

His 10-month study highlighted a classic social dilemma — should the industry develop into a world-class, cost-effective international competitor or does the fate of hundreds of picturesque Newfoundland fishing communities matter more?

Kirby, backing away from nationalization and massive subsidies as viable solutions, criticized the industry for poor management, squabbling between its various sectors and an inability to plan for the long term.

In an industry renowned for rugged individualists who can only agree on the weather, he suggested a quota system for catches, quality control for fish when it reaches the dock-side and collective bargaining for often impoverished fishermen.

"There is no short-term miracle, no panacea. We're talking about the long-term viability of one of the richest natural resources on earth and it has to be a process of evolution, nothing radical," said Kirby, whose recommendations have largely been accepted by Ottawa.

But his 380-page report, released last week, did not tackle the greatest malaise of the industry which has in mid-recession been buffeted by weak markets abroad and battered by high interest rates and soaring capital costs at home.

Newfoundland's fisheries minister, Jim Morgan, said: "We have one big problem right now — the large offshore trawler companies who have not been good managers of their own firms. They are looking for government money to bail them out after over expanding and lacking in coordination."

That expansion took place in a state of euphoria after Canada declared a 200-mile limit in 1977 and sent trawlers out by the dozen to harvest its huge fish stocks.

Many onshore fish-processing plants are

working only 50 percent of the time. When a company wants to close one down, that may spell the end for a remote picture-postcard village that relies utterly on the plant for its economic survival.

In Canada's poorest province where there is such a glaring lack of alternative employment for the islanders, Morgan agreed: "If you close plants in isolated places, there is a fine line between economic and social problems."

Bill Wells of the Newfoundland Fisheries Association stressed the problem of an over-employed industry rather more forcefully. "We are dooming thousands of people to a subsistence level of income that will never rise," he told Reuters.

To illustrate his point, Wells said: "In 1981, Iceland had 1,800 vessels that landed 1.4 million tons of fish. In the same year, Atlantic Canada had 33,000 vessels and

landed 1.2 million tons. That sums up the enormity of the problem."

As for the government subsidizing fishing on the same scale as it does agriculture, he cited the example of Norway "where they faced up to the problem and decided they wanted to keep the small fishing communities going. In 1981, they paid 14,000 fishermen \$140 million as support for the catch. If the Canadian government wants the industry to carry on, it will have to pump \$500 million extra a year into it."

Canada ranks top of the world table with the latest annual statistics showing that it exported \$1.27 billion worth of fish followed by the United States with 1.15 billion, Norway with 980 million and Denmark with 960 million.

But Kirby and other analysts have been quick to criticize the Canadians for failing to market their product aggressively enough.

EEC-U.S. trade war heats up

BRUSSELS, Feb. 28 (LOS) — The clash between The European farm juggernaut, the Common Agricultural Policy, and America's no-holds-barred agricultural export program, has produced a joint EEC-U.S. document, due to appear this week as a forerunner to ministerial meetings between the two sides next month, which merely outlines the disputes rather than suggesting solutions.

With both Washington and Brussels feeling more sinned against than sinning in the battle for markets, the original aim of avoiding friction is preserved on paper only.

The U.S. deputy secretary for agriculture, Richard Lyng, has been quoted as saying that at the recent trade talks in Brussels neither side could agree on any measures to reduce tension. The EEC response to what it sees as America's aggressive policy to get U.S. agricultural exports on the move is to call a halt to concessions. As one EEC official put it: "the war has already started".

EEC concessions proposed in a series of talks which started in December, have been systematically refused by Washington. A scheme for market-sharing was turned down by the U.S. delegation as unworkable

and attempts to extract a pledge from Washington not to sell excess butter on the world market was unsuccessful. "All options are open," commented a U.S. official in Brussels.

U.S. officials here also talk of Washington being at the "implementing stage," a phrase taken to mean that subsidized sales of agricultural commodities on the world market in direct competition with the EEC are imminent.

Indeed it has been confirmed that a number of contracts to sell wheat and dairy goods have been concluded between the United States Department of Agriculture under its blended credit scheme, with Portugal, Yugoslavia, Morocco, Egypt, the Yemen and Pakistan. Of these countries only Pakistan is not a traditional EEC market. The United States has also negotiated a contract with Iraq, also an EEC client country, to export wheat, rice, barley, butter and broiler chickens.

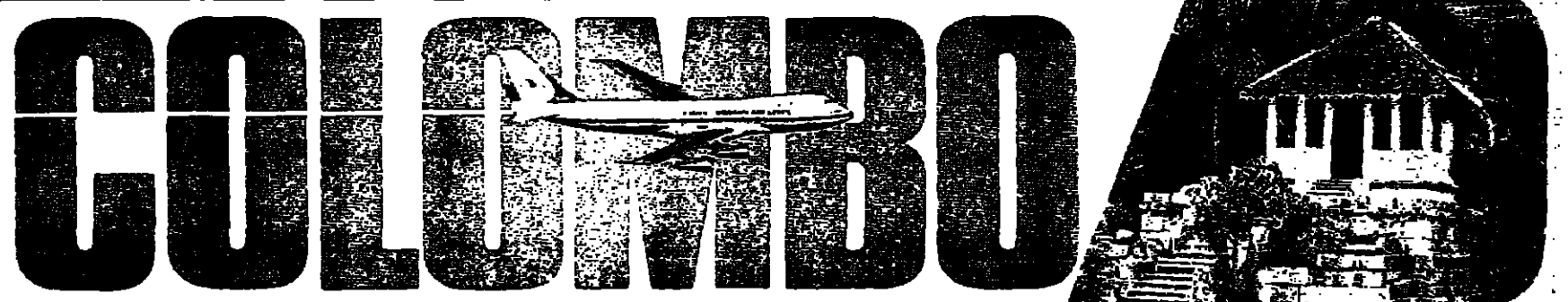
The EEC seeing its markets shrinking while its surpluses show no such similar tendencies, is enraged at the U.S. criticism of the EEC export refund system.

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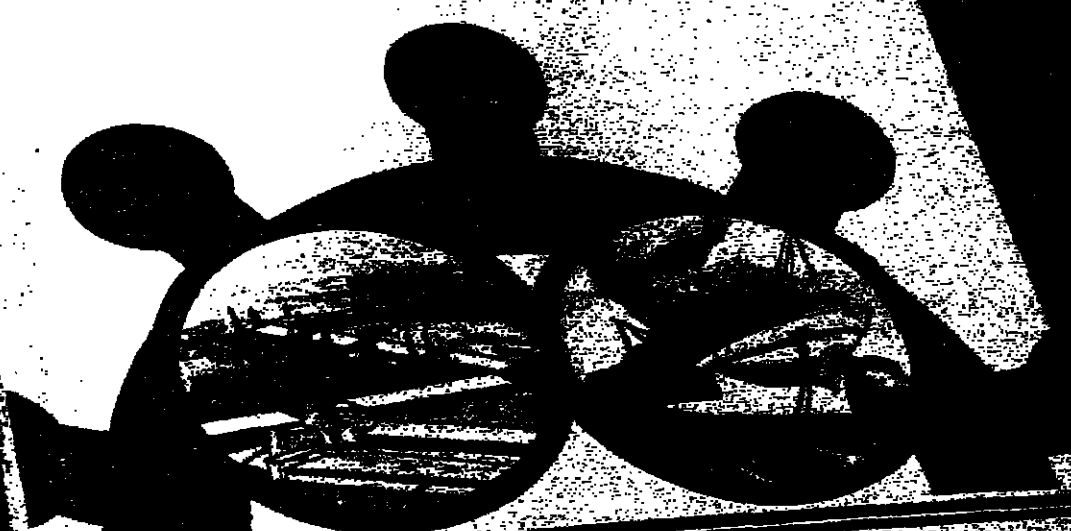
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Nigeria's economic woes worsen as oil price slides

LAGOS, Feb. 28 (R) — A world supply glut that has hit oil prices has plunged once-booming Nigeria into a crisis that has made factories idle, slowed work on the new capital, and removed more than a million unwanted aliens from a shrunken economy.

When Nigeria finally bowed to the new reality last weekend and cut the price of the export that earns 90 percent of its foreign exchange, businessmen here heaved a sigh of relief.

But the \$5.50 per barrel (15.5 percent) reduction was considered too late by some, and most believe there is still a long way to go before the country recovers.

Unemployment is rising. Factories dependent on imported raw materials but without the hard currency to pay for them are either on short time or on the point of temporary closure. For a government facing general elections later this year in which the economy will be the dominating issue, the news is bad.

The Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) urged the government for months to slash the price of oil to boost exports and assure a stable inflow of hard currency to pay for the imports that keep the domestic economy moving. When the cut finally came, it was welcomed by MAN President Jerome Udoji but he complained it was far too late.

Udoji lamented that Nigeria had been faithful to the rules of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) for

far too long for its own good.

"It is bound to take some time before buyers adjust to the present prices and new customers are found," he said, warning Nigerians not to expect a swift upturn of the economy.

Over the last year Nigerian industries have been slowly strangled as depleted oil sales brought in less money to pay for the raw materials and credit dried up because the central bank was so slow in paying trade debts.

Banking sources estimate Nigeria now owes traders and bankers between \$4 and \$5 billion for imports and will have to borrow major sums to keep imports flowing quickly enough to maintain production. Against that foreign reserves are estimated at under \$1 billion.

Because the central bank has been so slow in paying out hard currency on these short-term credits, most Western banks now refuse to confirm letters of credit, so that when manufacturers do manage to get through the lengthy process of getting import licenses they find it hard to buy because no credit can be had.

A few banks still confirm letters of credit for oil clients but even they are refusing new business. Company to company credit lines are equally tight, the banking sources say.

Most Western bankers here see no alternative to calling in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) but the government, convinced the IMF will demand a devaluation of the naira, has refused to contemplate that move so far.

Japan's industrial production rises

TOKYO, Feb. 28 (R) — Japan's preliminary industrial production index (base 1980) rose 0.1 percent in January to a seasonally adjusted 101.0 from a revised 100.9 in December, when it was down one percent from November, the International Trade and Industry Ministry said.

The ministry updated the base year to 1980 from 1975, effective from the January statistics.

The January index in unadjusted terms was down 1.3 percent from a year earlier after a revised two percent year-on-year December fall.

The adjusted preliminary January producers' shipment index, base 1980, rose 1.7 percent to 100.3 from a revised 98.6 in December, when it was down 1.7 percent from November, the ministry said.

On an unadjusted basis the producers' shipment index was down 0.3 percent from a year earlier after a revised 2.9 percent year-on-year December fall.

The adjusted January index of producers' inventories of finished goods, base 1980, rose 0.7 percent to a preliminary 98.7 from a revised 98.0, when it was unchanged from November.



ON THE RAILS FOR EXPORT: A new diesel-electric locomotive just launched by British Rail for its own freight operation can be easily adapted to compete in different export markets. The 130-Ton Class 58 locomotive is based on a strong yet simple underframe designed to carry the entire load of equipment and superstructure. In contrast to the conventional monocoque construction of previous locomotives, the superstructure is based on a modular design for easy removal and replacement of individual parts.

To halt flight of capital

Caracas devalues bolivar 28%

CARACAS, Feb. 28 (R) — Venezuela Monday announced a partial devaluation of the bolivar by 28.7 percent as part of a plan to counter capital flight and the effects of declining oil revenues.

The decision came after a week-long suspension of foreign currency sales, during which the government said it was reimposing exchange controls for the first time in 18 years.

Announcing the devaluation, Finance Minister Arturo Sosa said the bolivar would stay at its current rate of 4.3 to the dollar for priority transactions such as foreign debt repayment, essential imports and student expenses abroad.

But he said it would be set at a new rate of six to the dollar for lesser priorities and that a free market would be established for the general public in which the bolivar would be floated.

It is the first adjustment to the exchange rate in nine years during which Venezuelans have enjoyed the fruits of the oil boom. But the government was forced to act because of a decline in oil revenues and an uncontrolled flight of capital which milked the country of at least \$5 billion last year.

Sosa did not give details of what would come under the new exchange rates, but he said a committee had been set up to define priority items. Imports deemed essential would include food and medicine, he said.

In an effort to offset inflationary pressures with the new exchange rate the government also announced a 60-day price freeze with fines for offenders.

The bolivar has been at 4.3 to the dollar

since 1973, and during this time the Venezuela has had the highest per capita income in Latin America.

Imposition of exchange controls was long resisted by the government of President Luis Herrera Campins and only followed the capital flight which threatened to wipe out the country's foreign reserves within months.

A 30 percent decline in oil income last year had already led the government to cut spending and shelve a number of major industrial projects, including a \$5 billion development in the Orinoco heavy oil belt.

Exchange controls were last introduced in Venezuela in November 1960, when the bolivar was fixed at an official rate of 3.35 to the dollar and allowed to float in a parallel free market where it was quoted at 4.5.

Tourism parleys open in Peking

PEKING, Feb. 28 (AP) — China opened an international tourism conference Monday with promises to improve its own tourist services and give foreign tourists more flexibility as part of an effort to "make more friends" for China.

Nearly 1,000 delegates from 45 countries are attending the five-day conference, China's first such meeting. They include 18 representatives of the Soviet Union and its allies.

Also represented were delegations from the United States, Britain, Japan and several other Western countries.

Han Kehua, director general of China's national tourism administration, told the delegates that China's tourism pricing policies, the object of frequent complaints, are "basically reasonable and not high compared with the prices of other countries."

But he added, "even so, we are going to modify certain existing pricing policies." He said they would be explained later in the conference.

Tourists have complained that daily rates tend to be about the same, even when they are put up in hotels with inferior facilities, food and services. Han said China is renovating hotels, improving training for tourist industry employees, employing more guide-interpreters and creating a special fund to improve sanitary facilities in major tourist resorts.

Han said China is developing its own style

Grain rates decline

Low demand hits freight mart

LONDON, Feb. 28 (AFP) — It was another quiet start on the freight market last week, induced by the holiday in the United States and shortage of cargoes.

Subsequently, in the continuing uncertain climate, U.S. grain rates moved lower, before making a late rally. But details of business done were still hard to come by, and in consequence it was difficult to assess the tone properly.

The Chinese and Japanese charterers were known to have been busy, Iranian inquiry continued to circulate, although little fixing ensued, while the Soviet Union was said to be seeking an ice class vessel to lift a grain cargo from a northern European port to the Baltic or the Black Sea. Soviet interest also stretched to the time charter sector, but reports that a Panamanian 24,000 tonner had been booked at \$3,100 daily for a trip from the Mediterranean via Cuba with redelivery over the widest possible range were described as inaccurate.

In the grain trade, a 50,000 tonner was booked from the U.S. Gulf to Japan at \$16.30/ton, 45 cents down, but later it was reported but not confirmed that \$17.50 had been paid, the highest since last June.

On the trans-Atlantic (USA/Europe) grain run, a combination carrier for carrying dry

cargo or oil reportedly accepted the keenly competitive rate of \$7.50/ton to cover a prompt 75,000 ton movement, equal to the low for the year so far and 50 cents below business earlier in the week.

Grain fixtures to Taiwan featured quite prominently, after the recent 500,000 ton buying tender, with fixtures completed as far ahead as August.

Chinese charterers booked grain vessels out of the U.S. east coast, paying \$26.60 for a 23,000 tonner, compared with \$25.50 for 30,000 tons a month ago, while maintaining an active presence in the River Plate paying \$31.50, \$1 more, for 30,000 ton cargoes.

The bigger than usual weekly grain sale by the European Economic Community, was also thought to have reflected strong Chinese inquiry.

South African maize was fixed to Japan at an unchanged \$17.00/ton, but exports may be halted soon while the extent of the drought damage to the crop is assessed. Sugar movements were said to be widespread, but few were confirmed. Coal remained quiet.

Indian government charterers discovered a slightly firmer tone developing for fertilizers from Arabia having to raise their offers to \$11.25/ton, after paying the higher \$11 last week.

Recession deals blow to Singapore

SINGAPORE, Feb. 28 (AFP) — The deepening world recession finally made its impact on Singapore in 1982 and after three successive years of rapid expansion the economy grew by only 6.3 percent last year.

Shrinking world trade considerably weakened external demand for Singapore's manufactured goods, said the economic survey for 1982 published Monday by the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Local exporters were also met with increasing trade barriers as major industrialized countries resorted to protectionism to overcome their problems of high trade deficits and rising unemployment.

The survey warned that if the world recession continued and the downward trend in external demands persisted overall economic

expansion would be curtailed.

"Any prolonged fall in external demand would be detrimental to Singapore's well-being as the economy depends on manufacturing and trade as the pace setters of growth," the survey added.

The survey said that with the exception of construction, all sectors of Singapore's economy performed worse than in 1981. The most adversely affected was the export-oriented manufacturing sector where output fell by six percent, the first decline since 1975.

Except for industries producing building materials for the booming local construction sector, production of all major industries either grew more slowly or declined. Output of the electrical, electronics, transport equipment, sawn timber and plywood, textile, shipbuilding and repairing industries all declined.

The construction sector emerged as the fastest growing in 1982 expanding by 32 percent, more than twice the rate in 1981 and accounting for a quarter of the overall growth in gross domestic product.

Financial and business services remained the leading growth sector, growing by 14 percent and contributing 36 percent to the total increase in GDP, with the main thrust coming from brisk activities in offshore and commercial banking, hire purchasing and real estate development.

Transport and communication continued to grow strongly but at a slower rate of 11 percent. The trade sector, comprising both external and domestic trade, including hotel and catering services, grew at a slower rate of 5 percent.

Malaysia, Japan, the United States, Saudi Arabia and the European Economic Community continued to be Singapore's major trading partners with Malaysia regaining the lead because of the strong expansion in petroleum trade.

Striking miners occupy offices

CARDIFF, Wales, Feb. 28 (AP) — About 250 striking coal miners Monday occupied offices at the Welsh headquarters of the state-run National Coal Board as a strike throughout South Wales began in protest of a planned closure of a heavily losing pit, officials reported.

The coal board said the strike appeared effective, shutting down the 33 pits in South Wales, and management and the union appeared set for a long confrontation.

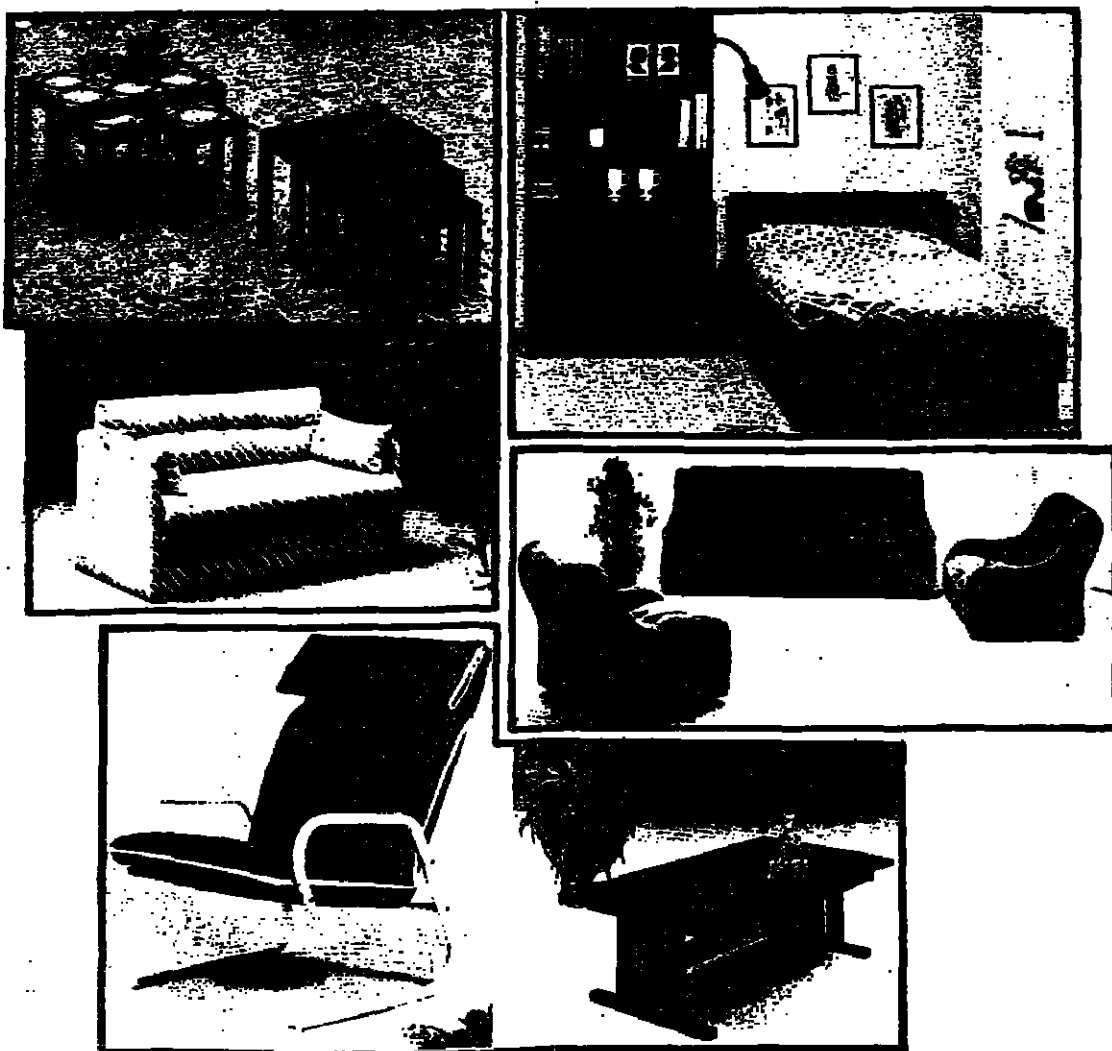
"We're not certain what the situation is as the switchboard in Cardiff has been closed down," a coal board spokesman said in London. "But it seems some offices have been entered."

One television report said strikers had taken over the three-story headquarters. Some 250 miners picketed the building and others were seen milling in the foyer.



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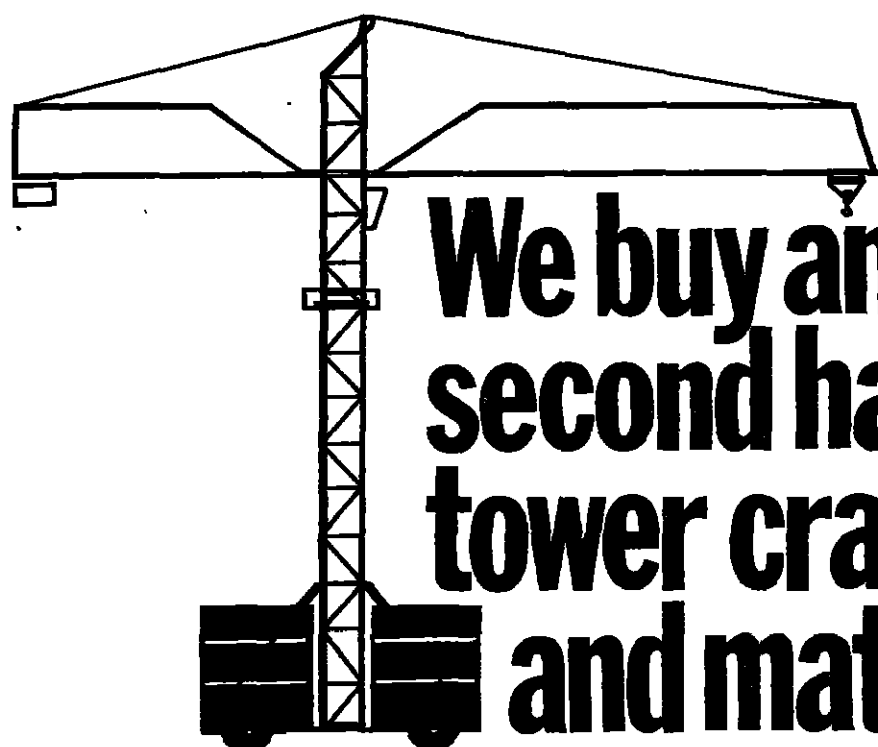


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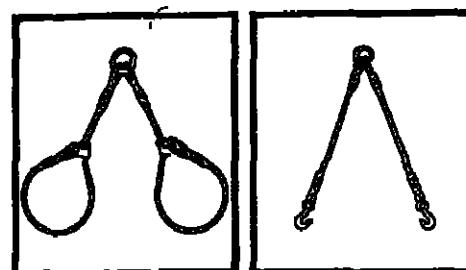
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With career-high 32 points

Cheeks aids 76ers keep winning streak

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (AP) — Scoring 32 points was an experience for Maurice Cheeks that Billy Cunningham would just as soon forget. "I don't think he will be a top-scorer over night," Cunningham said Sunday after the 76ers won their ninth straight game, a 115-104 decision over Golden State. "If he tried to do it, he would lose effectiveness if he went out with that kind of attitude."

Oilers register cakewalk victory

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (AP) — Goaltender Andy Moog gave Edmonton its first shutout in more than three years as the Oilers defeated the Winnipeg Jets 3-0 in a National Hockey League Game Sunday night.

Elsewhere in the NHL, Mark Osborne scored his 15th goal of the season with 6:10 remaining in the game as Detroit overcame a 3-0 deficit to gain a 4-4 tie with the Montreal Canadiens. Brian Propp scored his 30th goal of the season at 16:43 of the first period to spark the Philadelphia Flyers to a 2-0 victory over the New York Islanders.

Rick Middleton scored twice for Boston and Keith Crowder added the game-winning goal early in the third period as the Bruins edged Hartford 4-3 in a tight-marred action. While Buffalo left wing Tony McKegney scored two goals to lead the Sabres to a 6-2 victory over the New Jersey Devils.

And, Bobby Smith and Neal Broten scored first-period goals to lift the Minnesota North Stars to a narrow 2-1 victory over the Chicago Black Hawks.

career-high 32 points. The victory gave the 76ers a 49-7 mark, tying a record set by Los Angeles in 1971-72 for the fastest season start by a National Basketball Association team.

Elsewhere, Atlanta beat Indiana 125-107, Seattle edged Utah 101-98, Cleveland tripped Portland 98-92 and Denver bombed Los Angeles 135-120.

Cheeks said he didn't realize how many points he scored until after the game. "I was just in the flow of the game and didn't get caught up in the reactions of the crowd," Cheeks said.

Moses Malone had 28 points and 19 rebounds and Julius Erving, who had a streak of 321 consecutive double-figure games broken, added 18 for the 76ers. Joe Barry Carroll led Golden State with 22 points, while Ron Brewer added 17. Purvis Short had 15, but missed 11 of 18 shots, while Mickey Johnson hit just five of 17 attempts for the Warriors.

Cavaliers 98, Blazers 92: World Free scored 30 points and Cliff Robinson added 18 points and a career-high 23 rebounds as Cleveland beat Portland for its sixth victory in its last nine games after a 9-39 start.

Hawks 125, Pacers 107: Dan Roundfield scored 29 points and Johnny Davis added 29 points and 17 assists to lead Atlanta over Indiana. The Hawks never trailed after taking a 50-49 lead in the first half, building their margin to as many as 19 in the fourth quarter.

Sonics 101, Jazz 98: Seattle beat Utah for the 12th time in a row as Gus Williams led a balanced scoring attack with 18 points. Lonnie Shelton added 15 points, Jack Sikma 14 and Danny Vranes 13 for the Sonics, while Sikma added 19 rebounds.

Military soccer tie abandoned

ABU DHABI, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — The qualifying World Military Football Championship clash between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait ended on a sour note with the match being abandoned late in the second session of extra-time with Kuwait leading 2-1 here Monday.

The abandonment followed a clash between the referee and one of the Saudi Arabian substitutes that ultimately saw the Belgian official walk off the field.

This was the third meeting between the Kingdom and Kuwait, with the first two meetings ending with the teams sharing honors. Kingdom had beaten Kuwait 3-1 at Malaz Stadium, Riyadh, while Kuwait won a 2-0 home victory.

The third match was necessitated to resolve the 3-3 deadlock between the two teams. And it looked like Saudi Arabia would clinch the issue when their prolific

scorer Majed Abdullah was on target after a scoreless first session.

The pace was keen and the teams treated the goodly crowd at the Abu Dhabi Zayed Sports City Stadium to some entertaining soccer. With neither teams enjoying a clear territorial advantage, play was restricted to midfield for major spells. But sporadic raids woven out like silken designs, did raise a measure of cheer.

The Kingdom fell on the defensive after gaining the lead through Majed in a bid to hold on to their advantage. But Kuwait neutralized the lead through Abdul Aziz Anbari, who converted from the spot, and were put on the victory path by Yousof Sweidan with an opportunistic goal.

The new venue for the World Military Championship is yet to be decided after Syria, who were supposed to host the championship cried off.

On European Cup

Juventus geared up to break England's 6-year vise-like grip

LONDON, Feb. 28 (R) — Revitalized Italian champions Juventus fly to England Monday night determined to break a six-year English stranglehold on the European Soccer Cup by overpowering holders Aston Villa in the quarterfinals Wednesday.

Juventus, whose stars have been a disappointment most of the season, have hit form at last, lashing in seven goals in their last two league matches to set them up for the vital first-leg meeting with Villa.

They destroyed Udinese 4-0 Sunday to move into third place in the league. French World Cup captain Michel Platini scored the first two goals, Polish ace Zbigniew Boniek netted the third and Marco Tardelli, one of the Juventus galaxy of Italian World Cup winning stars, completed the rout.

Villa manager Tony Barton, whose team lost 2-1 to Watford the day before, watched Juventus beat Udinese but said he was not over-impressed. He would not, however, give Villa more than a 50-50 chance of beating the Italians.

Boniek epitomized the new ebullience in the Turin side, seeking to bring the European Cup back to Italy for the first time since A.C. Milan's second success in 1969. "This goal sets me free. I was nervous before Sunday but I travel to England with confidence now," he said before the team left.

While Boniek tries to crack English supremacy against Villa his old teammates of Widzew Lodz have a tougher task against England's strongest team Liverpool, winners of the trophy in 1977, 1978 and 1981. Liverpool, favorites to retain their English League and League Cup trophies this season, will find Widzew still recovering from a bout of influenza which hit nearly all the team last week.

Liverpool, surprisingly eliminated from the Football Association (F.A.) Cup by Brighton, virtually clinched their record 14th

league title with a 1-1 draw against nearest challengers Manchester United last Saturday. Widzew badly miss the experience of Boniek and fellow World Cup star Wladyslaw Zmuda, who both play in Italy. They are also short of match practice because of the winter break despite a warm-up tour of Italy.

Dynamo Kiev, Soviet European Cup Winners Cup champions in 1975, look to Oleg Blokhin and Leonid Buryak to find a way through the defense of West German champions Hamburg. But they too lack match practice because of the winter break.

Hamburg, beaten by Sweden's Gothenburg in last season's UEFA Cup final, have been watching video film of Kiev's first round win over Swiss champions Grasshoppers Zurich to prepare for the clash in Tbilisi where the weather is warmer than Kiev. Grasshoppers German coach Hennes Weisweiler believes Hamburg will win. "Hamburg will certainly reach the next round against the Soviets because they have the advantage of playing the first leg away from home," he said.

The fourth European Cup quarter final is an Iberian confrontation between Portugal's Sporting Lisbon and Real Sociedad of Spain. Sporting, trailing Lisbon rivals Benfica in the Portuguese First Division, hope injured international strikers Jordao and Oliveira will be back after missing Sunday's 1-0 away win over Alcobaca. Midfielder Mado Jorge and defender Festas are also fitness doubts.

Real Sociedad, Spanish champions for the past two years, have slumped to seventh this season, 11 points behind Real Madrid whose exploits in the European Cup — a record six triumphs — they would love to emulate.

Cup Winners Cup holders Barcelona travel to Austria Vienna without four players, including goalkeeper Javier Urruticoechea, who were banned after last month's bruising "Supercup" clash with Aston Villa.

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CRASH: The Austrian bobsled, with Peter Kienast at the helm, is seen flipping while negotiating the seventh curve on the final run during the World (four-man) Championship at Lake Placid Sunday.

To maintain Swiss domination

Fasser glides to glory

LAKE PLACID, New York, Feb. 28 (AP) — Ekkehard Fasser, the latest in an endless series of dominant Swiss drivers, won the 1983 World (four-man) Bobsled Championship here Sunday with a record four-heat time of 3:57.24 seconds.

It was the second time in two weeks that a Swiss pilot has won his first World Championship competition. A week ago, Ralph Fichter won the world two-man sled title for Switzerland, its seventh of the last eight.

The 31-year-old Fasser's only challenge on the event's second day — the most important competition at Mt. Van Hoevenberg since the 1980 Winter Olympics — came from second-place West German Klaus Kopp and East Germans Detlef Richter and Wolfgang Hoppe.

Kopp, 32, broke Fasser's day-old single-slide record with a 59.08 second attempt on his first run Sunday, his third overall. But Fasser regained the record at 58.99 seconds only minutes later. Kopp's total time was 3:57.80. Richter and Hoppe, ranked only fourth and fifth on the powerful East German team, were third and fourth, respectively, with times of 3:58.11 and 3:58.43. Fifth place went to Walter Delle-Karth of Austria in 3:59.61.

The top four finishing times exceeded the former four-heat track record of 3:58.99 set earlier this year by Bill Renton of the U.S.

Navy. Renton roared to a 4:00.54 combined time and sixth place, with Canadian ace Alan MacLachlan, of Toronto, on his heels in seventh at 4:00.56.

U.S. driver Bob Hickey of nearby Keene was eighth at 4:00.63, and the second Canadian sled — driven by Kirby Bestiof King, Ontario — placed ninth at 4:01.17. Tenth place to Great Britain's Malcolm Lloyd.

Thirteen sleds from a starting field of 17 completed the nine-nation competition. One sled each from Switzerland and Italy failed to make it through the first day and West German Andreas Weikenstorfer overturned his vehicle in the sixth of Mt. Van Hoevenberg's 16 curves and spilled the entire crew. On his final run, Austrian Peter Kienast flipped in the seventh curve.

Fasser did not know he would compete here until Thursday when he beat out 1982 world champion Silvio Giobellina in the Swiss team's final workout. When teammate Hans Hildebrand wrecked in his second run on the lightning fast 5,108 foot track, that left Fasser alone to represent Switzerland.

But Fasser and riders Hans Maerchy, Kurt Poletti and Rolf Strittmatter, were equal to the task, turning in times of 58.99 and 59.48 seconds. Fasser, who led from the start, turned in the fastest times in each of the first three runs, and was second only to Kopp's 59.39 second effort in the final run.

European soccer results

French			Portuguese			
Strasbourg	2	Nantes	0	3	Estoril	0
Sochaux	2	Rouen	2	6	Borussia	0
Lyon	2	Lens	1	0	Sporting Lisbon	1
Spanish			Greek			
Celta Vigo	1	Betis Seville	2	0	Kastoria	0
Real Madrid	1	Salamanca	0	0	Panathinaikos	1
Barcelona	0	Santander	2	0	Rodos	0
Athletic Bilbao	3	Sporting Gijon	0	0	Dona	0
Osasuna	4	Espanol	0	0	Aris	0
Valencia	1	Athletic Madrid	0	0	Olympiakos	1
Valladolid	2	Zaragoza	1	0	Iraklis	1
Seville	1	Real Sociedad	0	0	Yamina	1
Las Palmas	1	Malaga	2	0		
Dutch			Belgian Soccer Cup			
AZ '67 Alkmaar	3	Willem II Tilburg	0	0	Winterling	4
Roda Kerkrade	3	Utrecht	3	0	Molenbeek	0
Twente Enschede	3	Helmond Sport	2	0	Club	1
NAC Breda	2	Fortuna Sittard	2	0	Waterschei	0
PSV Eindhoven	5	Go Ahead Eagles	0	0		
Sparta Rotterdam	1	Ajax Amsterdam	1	0		
Excelsior Rotterdam	1	Haarlem	1	0		
NAC Breda	1	Groningen	1	0		
PEC Zwolle	0	Feyenoord Rotterdam	3	0		

As Feyenoord bridge gap

Ajax drops point to Sparta

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — Ajax Amsterdam saw their lead in the Dutch First Division whittled to one point after they drew 1-1 away to fourth-placed Sparta Rotterdam. Feyenoord Rotterdam, hard on the heels of Ajax for weeks, cut the Ajax lead with a convincing 3-0 win over PEC Zwolle. Ajax now have 38 points from 23 matches to Feyenoord's 37.

International Gerald Vanderburg scored the Ajax goal with a brilliant shot in the 11th minute. Heale equalized just before halftime for Sparta. The great Johan Cruyff, almost 36 years old, has lost none of his old vigor and speed around trying to coordinate Ajax. But his efforts were not enough. PSV Eindhoven remained in third place with 35 points. They won 5-0 against bottom-of-the-table Go Ahead Eagles.

Elsewhere in Europe, Strasbourg pulled off a major surprise in the French First Division when they downed runaway league leaders Nantes 2-0. Goals by Mautroy (26th) and Gentes (73rd) sank Nantes' hopes of forging into a nine-point lead at the top of the table.

Bordeaux with 32 points remain their closest challengers despite their 2-nil defeat at Paris St. Germain on Friday. Bordeaux, now seven points behind Nantes, are one point clear of Paris St. Germain.

Second-half goals from Lemoult and Fernandez clinched the important win for Paris St. Germain who demonstrated enough of their skills to have worried any spies in the crowd from their midweek European Cup winners Cup opponents Waterschei of Belgium.

Robert Herbin, sacked manager of St. Etienne who joined Lyon last week, saw Lyon lift themselves off the foot of the table with a 2-1 victory over high-flying Lens. It was a fine, fighting performance by Lyon in front of nearly 11,000 fans who must have feared the worst when Bado scored for Lens after only 16 minutes. Lyon replied through a

Domergue penalty in the 41st minute and then clinched victory with an own goal by Billot.

St. Etienne, struggling to avoid relegation, took a valuable point with a 1-1 draw at Metz.

In Spain, F.C. Barcelona's title hopes were seriously dented when they crashed at home to a shock 0-2 defeat. And the defeat was inflicted, not by one of the top clubs, but by struggling bottom-of-the-table Santander.

JBC 1 regains premier berth

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 — Jeddah Badminton Club (JBC1) pushed down the ladder in the previous week, climbed back to the top of the Siazenger-sponsored Jeddah Badminton League this weekend.

And the climb was at their sister team's expense. The senior string thrashed their junior team 8-1 to maintain their clean streak with eight straight victories for 64 points. The lone win in the clash for Jeddah Badminton League 2 was obtained through the Omar brothers, who snatched a thrilling win over the Hussein-Omar combination 24-22.

Close on their heels were King Khalid Hospital, (KKH) 1, who also bested their junior team. KKH 1 gained maximum points from their 9-0 whitewash of KKH 2, but this was not enough for them to retain the top berth they held last week. However, their effort brought them close to a point from the leaders with a tally of 63.

The Whitaker 1 Zara tussle proved to be the most exciting of the week. With the fortunes fluctuating often, the teams kept abreast till 4-4 to push the outcome of the clash into the decider. The decider was clinched by Whitaker 1 and this enabled them to be on fifth with 37 points.

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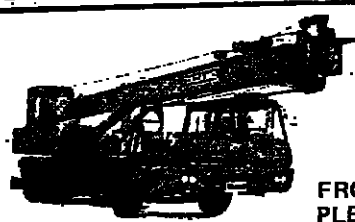
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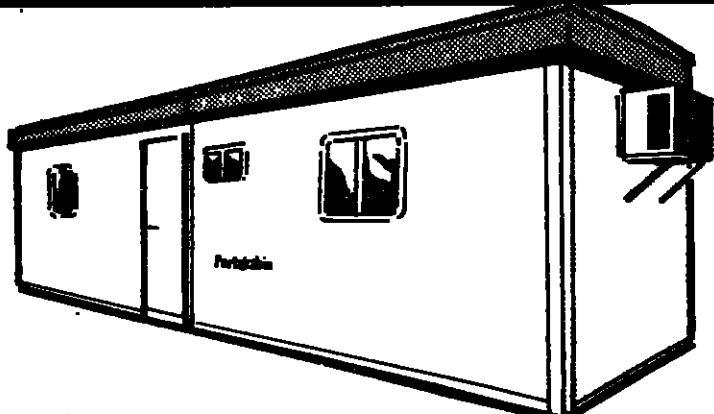
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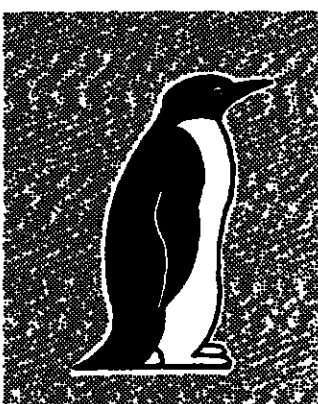
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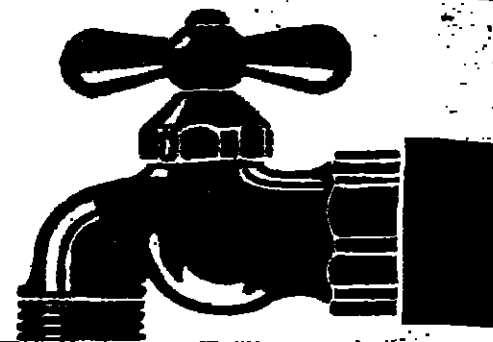
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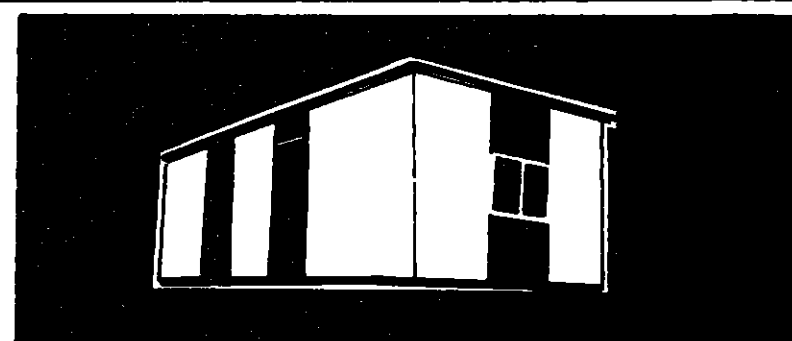
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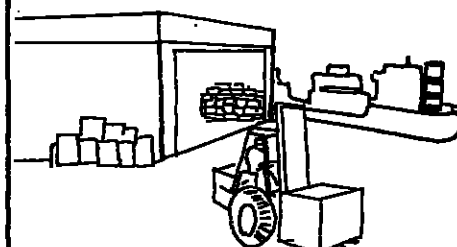


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Marcos threatens action against Reds

MANILA, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — President Ferdinand E. Marcos threatened Monday to send more troops to Mindanao island, where he said Communist rebels have mounted "a reign of terror" by killing innocent civilians.

At least 182 persons — 47 civilians, 66 rebels and 69 soldiers — have been killed in ambushes and encounters since the start of the year. Many of the killings occurred in the Mindanao region, where a fresh marine battalion was flown Sunday to reinforce seven others — each with between 400 and 900 men — operating against an estimated 600 guerrillas.

"We are today confronted anew by an enemy of unusual sophistication, unusual

daring, unusual virulence and unusual clothing and masks," Marcos said. He did not elaborate but his government has recently accused priests and nuns of working with rebels of the Maoist New People's Army.

Marcos' warning of stronger military action followed a resurgence of rebel attacks in some provinces of Mindanao, the Philippines' second largest island. "Unless these killings abate, we will send more troops to these areas," Marcos said in a speech before the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association. "Let no one doubt our determination to put an end to this reign of terror."

He said rebellion and terrorism in some parts of the country were encouraged by government critics, who made irresponsible statements about government policy.

But he said he would continue to "open the door of dialogue to those who may differ with us, even those who may have taken a futile choice of violent conflict with the government." Earlier this month, armed forces pressed ahead with a major offensive against Communist guerrillas in the southeast.

Moscow's missiles said not accurate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (R) — U.S. monitoring of Soviet missile tests has shown that Moscow's nuclear arsenal is not nearly accurate or reliable enough to destroy American missile silos in a first strike, U.S. intelligence sources said Monday.

Contradicting the Reagan administration's case for building costly MX missiles, the sources told Reuters the monitoring showed that, in the foreseeable future, Soviet missiles would not be able to wipe out the existing U.S. Minuteman force.

A source who has access to and has evaluated the top-secret test data said: "Their accuracy isn't even within the ballpark (normally capable) of being able to launch a first strike against our Minuteman missile silos, not even with their large, powerful warheads."

One of the top private weapons experts, Kosta Tsipis of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, told Reuters he is about to issue a study which also concludes that the Pentagon has greatly exaggerated Soviet missile accuracy.

President Reagan and the Pentagon have warned repeatedly of a "window of vulnerability" that would allow the Kremlin to launch a first strike with highly accurate intercontinental ballistic missiles, destroying U.S. ICBMs in their silos.

Reagan says the controversial \$40-billion MX is needed to match Soviet ICBM accuracy, but for two years he has been unable to find a way of deploying the missiles to protect them from a first strike which is acceptable to Congress and to the military.

A source familiar with the Soviet test data told Reuters it casts doubt on the first strike threat and the need for the MX. He said the data on all tests since 1978 of SS-18 and SS-19 missiles, the most advanced Soviet ICBMs, had been gathered by U.S. satellites and ground stations. They tracked the missiles, some of which were fired from a site in the Soviet Union north of Iran to Kamchatka, Siberia.

Although the precise Soviet targets were not known, he said, intelligence monitoring of their missile telemetry (radio guidance) systems showed the missiles "wobbled" excessively and were too inaccurate to hit close enough to U.S. silos to destroy the Minuteman missiles.

Sikhs term concessions 'too little'

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28 (AFP) — Sikh autonomists have responded to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's concessions by stepping up their demands, notably on autonomy for their native Punjab state and by calling for "resistance" until the demands are met.

Mrs. Gandhi announced Sunday the following measures at a Sikh temple here: The national radio will henceforth broadcast Sikh religious music.

The Punjab state government will restrict sales of tobacco, meat and liquor, which are taboo in the Sikh religion. The bans will be enforced principally around Sikh places of worship.

The Sikhs will be allowed to travel on Indian Airlines, the domestic carrier, with their traditional kirpans, daggers that each male Sikh carries at his side. The condition will be that the kirpan blades not exceed six inches in length.

Sant Harmand Singh Longowal, leader of the Akali Dal, the main Sikh political party, responded Sunday night by calling the concessions a "fraud" that did not come close to satisfying Sikh demands.

Speaking at the Golden Temple in the northern city of Amritsar — a town on which the Sikhs want the government to confer holy status — Longowal also called for "resistance" until the demands are met.

Mrs. Gandhi conceded "too little too late," added a former Sikh general to *The Tribune* newspaper, which circulates in Punjab. Although the Sikhs rejected the limit on the length of their kirpans, which have occasionally served as weapons in hijackings aimed at attracting attention to the Sikh cause, their main concern appeared to be Mrs. Gandhi's failure to mention autonomy for the 16 million Sikhs in Punjab.

Punjab is a rich state in the northern part of India, and provides the country with much of its grain. It also is a strategic state, a sort of buffer zone between Pakistan, and New Delhi itself.

Separatist protests have been a long-standing problem in Punjab. Last year, 125 persons died as a result of clashes between Sikhs and police or Sikhs and Hindus, about seven million of whom live in Punjab.



CHEERS AND JEERS: A mix of supporters and demonstrators greet Queen Elizabeth as her limousine drives into 20th Century-Fox Studio where she attended her first Hollywood party Sunday. The party, hosted by first lady Nancy Reagan, was attended by a host of film stars.

Hollywood cheers queen at Nancy dinner

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 28 (AP) — The royalty of England and Hollywood got together at a gala dinner honoring Britain's Queen Elizabeth II on the second night of her 10-day, first-ever visit to California.

The queen and her husband Prince Philip could see stars all over the glittering stage owned by the moviemaking company, 20th Century-Fox.

Dinner at the studio capped a busy Sunday for the royal couple that began with services at a packed church in San Diego and included lunch at the exclusive estate of former U.S. Ambassador to Britain Walter Annenberg near Palm Springs and a brief ceremony with local political leaders in Long Beach.

The queen and prince, who opened their tour of California on Saturday with a festive welcome in San Diego, braved a steady downpour on their arrival in an Air Force jet in Palm Springs and small-but-vocal demonstrations at several stops on their tightly scheduled itinerary.

The queen was greeted by Nancy Reagan at 20th Century-Fox, where the former Nancy Davis appeared in films with now president and then actor Ronald Reagan.

Movie stars from the Reagans' film days joined British entertainers and prominent show-business Republicans such as Charlton Heston on a stage converted by designer Walter Scott into a garden

lighted by scores of white paper globes. Frank Sinatra produced the show which included George Burns, Perry Como, Dionne Warwick, Les Brown's Band and Sinatra himself.

"I'm glad I came, it was an evening to remember," Julie Andrews quoted the queen as saying. All gathered outside the studio before the queen's motorcade left for the royal yacht *Briannia* in Long Beach, 45 minutes away.

Fred Astaire remarked, "yes, I've met the queen, the last time began at Ascor about five years ago. She's very interested in horses and so am I."

"I've never met Queen Elizabeth, in fact, I've never met any queen," said Bette Davis, who played Elizabeth I twice, in *The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex* and *Virgin Queen*.

About 150 pickets protesting Britain's presence in northern Ireland and others against Britain's military presence in the Falkland Islands gathered at the main entrance to the film studio, but the royal party whisked through another gate and the queen saw none of the non-violent demonstration.

Meanwhile, President Ronald Reagan left Washington Monday to meet Queen Elizabeth in California. Reagan and the queen will meet Tuesday at the president's ranch in the hills overlooking Santa Barbara. They plan to tour the ranch on horseback.

Gen. Jaruzelski raps intellectuals

WARSAW, Feb. 28 (R) — Military ruler Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski has launched one of his strongest attacks yet on Poland's intellectuals, warning that measures would be taken against those who preached anti-communism to the young.

"Educational institutions have been used to purvey ideas hostile to socialism, and to produce conflicts of conscience, thereby ideologically and morally crippling our youth," the general said in a speech published in Monday's official press.

"The proper administrative measures are and must be an indispensable argument against this obviously hostile, reckless and destructive activity," he added.

In Communist political jargon the term administrative measures has been used to denote purges, demotions and reorganizations designed to remove people regarded as politically inconvenient.

The speech appeared to be part of a campaign by the ruling Communist establishment to tighten its ideological grip on the country. Meanwhile, a United Nations report on human rights in Poland released in Geneva Monday set the stage for a heated debate in the U.N. Commission on Human Rights.

Despite its mild tone, some observers said the report could be interpreted as a form of censure of Poland's martial law authorities because it was the first such study of a Soviet bloc country by the commission since the U.N. body was formed 37 years ago.

The decision to undertake the Polish inquiry prompted heated East-West debate at the commission last March, three months after Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski imposed martial law, stifling the independent union Solidarity and interned thousands of union activists and advisers.

The 16-page report contains little new information about the conditions in Poland, and relies heavily on press reports, U.N. documents and information from the U.S. State Department.

Turkish office bombed

PARIS, Feb. 28 (AP) — A telephone operator was killed when a bomb exploded in a Turkish travel agency office in central Paris Monday near the opera, police said. Another person was injured.

The Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia claimed responsibility for the attack on Marma Voyages in a telephone call to the Associated Press and said it would attack other Turkish establishments in Paris. A building housing the Turkish government's tourist office on the Champs-Elysees was emptied in the afternoon because of a bomb threat.

Nkomo to defy police orders

HARARE, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — Zimbabwe opposition leader Joshua Nkomo said Monday that he was not prepared to obey a written order instructing him to notify police whenever he leaves his house in the southwestern city of Bulawayo.

"I cannot telephone them every time I go out," he told Agence France-Presse in a telephone interview from his home. "It would take me all day and cost me money. It is impossible for me to comply."

Nkomo, accusing the government of a campaign of harassment, said police entered his Bulawayo home Monday to question his family, friends and domestic staff. "I told them to get out and they left," the 65-year-old Zimbabwe African Peoples' Union leader told the Associated Press in a telephone interview. "I said they had no business coming to my home like that. They just keep harassing."

Nkomo, who had his passport seized and was prevented from leaving Zimbabwe on a trip nine days ago, said that if police wanted to keep tabs on his movements, they would have to rely on their own surveillance. He said his lawyer, Bruce Longhurst, was in contact with the authorities on the matter.

The order, issued over the weekend by the local head of the police Criminal Investigation Department (CID), was the most restrictive measure yet against Nkomo, who has aroused the Robert Mugabe government's wrath by publicizing reports of mass killings of civilians by the army in the southwestern province of Matabeleland.

The opposition leader said the order referred to the inquiry into possible criminal charges against him stemming from his attempted departure from Bulawayo Airport Feb. 19. He was held for six hours before being released that day and later told he was being investigated for possible currency violations and for infringement of the Law and Order Maintenance Act, part of Zimbabwe's arsenal of security regulations.

In Matabeleland, Nkomo's political stronghold, the army's North Korean-trained Fifth Brigade is alleged to have shot and bayoneted more than 1,000 persons to death in operations against renegade guerrillas formerly belonging to Nkomo's wartime Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army (ZIPRA).

Prime Minister Mugabe accused Nkomo last Friday of seeking the "active support" of white minority-ruled South Africa in destabilizing black-ruled Zimbabwe.

Nkomo countered the accusation linking him with South Africa was part of a "big lie" campaign mounted by the government to divert attention from events in Matabeleland and from the "chaotic situation" in which he said Mugabe's ruling ZANU Party finds itself.

Nonaligned officials meeting today

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — India readied a tight security web, including crack border commandos and thousands of plainclothes guards, for the seventh nonaligned summit that begins Tuesday with preparatory talks among senior officials from the movement's 97 members.

Some 500 officials will spend two days discussing two draft communiqués prepared by host India and dealing with old political conflicts and a new call for accelerated economic cooperation among the developing world.

The revised texts will go before foreign ministers Thursday and Friday before submission to the five-day summit that opens next Monday.

Official sources said that New Delhi's 28,000 strong police force has been assigned exclusively to summit security and will be backed up by an unspecified number of elite Indo-Tibetan border troops. Between 3,000 and 4,000 plainclothes security guards from India's domestic intelligence agency will be on patrol and the massive protective cocoon will be coordinated by a team of 500 experts, the source said.

The senior officials will work from a 21-point draft agenda hammered out by the movement's coordinating bureau at its last meeting in New York earlier this month.

Sources said that the agenda includes broad issues such as international security and cooperation but does not specify such divisive questions as Afghanistan, Cambodia and the Iran-Iraq war.

India anxious that the conference should not be marred by potentially divisive topics such as who should represent Kampuchea and the question of a Soviet military withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Third World diplomats say the conference is likely to stress disarmament as an area of broad agreement. The summit is likely to urge stopping nuclear weapons tests, a freeze on such arsenals and eventual adoption of a nuclear disarmament program.

In a related development, Palam Airport will be closed to commercial traffic during the daytime on the two days before and the two days after the March 7-11 summit.

Only aircraft carrying delegations expected to attend the summit will be permitted to land between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on March 5 and 6 for security and operational reasons, the government has announced.

Similarly, the airport will be closed to regular traffic on March 12 and 13 when most of the delegations are expected to depart.

Iran denies grim U.N. report on executions

GENEVA, Switzerland Feb. 28 (AP) — The first United Nations report on the human rights situation in Iran on Monday listed grim statistics on executions and torture but also included a sweeping denial by the Tehran revolutionary regime which charged that the survey was the product of a Western propaganda campaign.

The 60-page document prepared for the current session of the U.N. Human Rights Commission said there was evidence of "numerous summary or arbitrary executions" and of "numerous cases of torture."

It cited allegations that women and children were among the victims of executions and information on arrests of octogenarians and mothers with their newborns. Specific reference was also made of the alleged persecution of members of some religious minorities.

In a note to the U.N. Human Rights Center whose secretariat compiled the report, the Iranian government dismissed accusations of "torture, arbitrary executions and religious persecution" as "totally unjustified."

The note spoke of a "propaganda campaign" organized by the United States and fueled by anti-Islamic groups ranging from "right-wing monarchists to left-wing terrorists."

"We greatly deplore that this kind of maneuver has succeeded up to now and that the counter revolutionaries made use of the organizations for the defense of human rights to exert political pressure."

The report cited at length from a letter by Iranian exile leader Mas'ud Rajavi that about 50,000 political prisoners were held in Iranian jails by last September and that a total of 20,000 persons had been executed under the regime "most of them because of their opinion."

"In several cases" supporters of the Mujahadeen resistance were executed just because they distributed leaflets of the movement, the report quoted Rajavi's letter as saying.

The Iranian note contained no direct comment on this but instead attached a long list of murders and bombings in Iran which it blamed on "terrorist hypocrites" and "American agents." It cited specifically the 1981 bombing of the ruling party's Tehran headquarters in which 74 persons were killed, and the subsequent slaying of President-elect Rajai and his premier-designate.

The report referred to a Mujahadeen publication that about 1,900 prisoners were tortured between March 1980 and March 1981 according to evidence compiled by a commission set up by Ayatollah Khomeini. It listed lashing, beating and other physical and psychological torture.

The report also quoted from an Amnesty International survey that members of a suspect's family were tortured to make him denounce himself.

The Iranian note denied that there was any practice of torture in Iranian prisons. Treatment of prisoners is "so humane that most regret their offenses," it said. "The (Iranian) prisons have become the best training centers, centers where all kinds of training and welfare installations are left at the disposal of the prisoners."

Apartheid beaten through loophole

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 28 (AFP) — A South African playwright has got through a loophole in the apartheid system's immorality act by a device which is potentially more shocking.

Robert Kirby, faced with a ban by the authorities on a scene showing a black actor kissing a white actress, merely replaced the woman by a man, and the result is packed houses for his play *It's a Boy* in Johannesburg.

The government's publications commission cracked down after several complaints, ruling that the original scene could lead to outbreaks of racial hostility.

But Kirby realized that the immorality act forbidding sexual relations between people of different races, on which the ruling was based, had nothing to say about kisses between people of the same sex.

The two actors, Vusi Dikwane and Ben Kruger, were reported as saying that the scene adds to the comedy of the play and never fails to provoke a laugh.

Woman hairdressers

ordered out of Brunei

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei, Feb. 28 (R) — Women have been banned from cutting men's hair in the Sultanate of Brunei, officials said Monday.

They said more than 100 women, mainly Chinese from Singapore and Malaysia, who worked in hairdressing salons, had been ordered to leave the country.

The order was aimed at introducing a more Islamic lifestyle in the sultanate in the run-up to its full independence from Britain at the end of the year, they said. The managers of about a dozen Chinese-run hair salons employing all-female staff had been told to sack them and surrender their passports so that their work permits could be canceled.

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